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THS students rate friends and sports as top reasons for staying in school

By ALISON ALOISIO
Friends, sports and career preparation, in that order, are the top three reasons that keep students "connected" to Telstar High School, a recent survey shows.

The survey was done as part of an annual update of the SAD 44 Dropout Prevention Plan. Principal Dan Hart presented the results to the School Board Monday.

Students were asked to list three things that connect them to Telstar, labeled as Connection 1, Connection 2, and Connection 3. "Is it a favorite teacher, playing sports, social interaction with

your classmates, career planning (college, military) or something else?" the Dropout Prevention Committee asked on the 250 surveys distributed.

Of the surveys completed, 204 students responded with a Connection 1, 192

with a Connection 2, and 177 with a Connection 3.

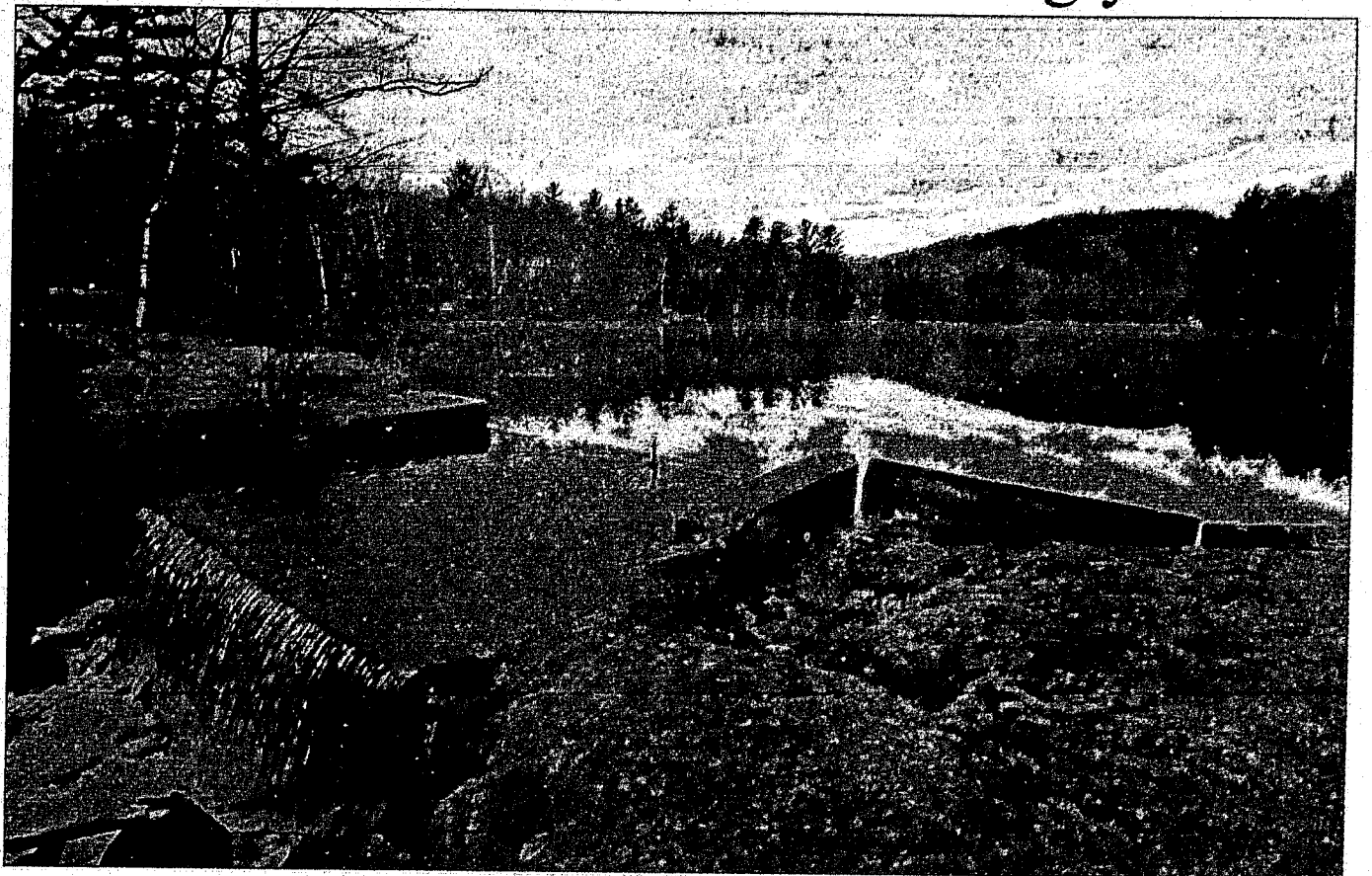
The top listing was "friends,"

which was noted 130 times among all connections listed. Second was "sports," named 101 times. Career preparation or similar academic self-improvement was listed a total of 76 times.

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Bus barn to welcome visitors to Bethel.

Needs work, but not failing yet



A report by engineer Myron Petrovsky found several deficiencies in the century-old Lake Christopher dam in Bryant Pond. Here, the wing wall of the dam has broken at the corner and moved toward the lake. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Engineer: Lake Christopher dam in fair to poor condition, leaking 300-600 GPM

By ALISON ALOISIO
An engineer's evaluation of the century-old Lake Christopher dam has judged the structure to be in fair to poor condition, and while it does not appear in danger of imminent failure, its deficiencies "pose a certain risk for reliable operation during normal conditions and, especially during significant 10-to-25 year, and extreme 50-to-100-year flood events."

The report was prepared for Woodstock selectmen by MBP Consult-

ing of Portland, and was reviewed by the board at their meeting last week.

The town has been putting aside funds to repair the dam, adding \$100,000 to the fund at the March 26 town meeting, bringing the total to \$115,000.

There is no formal estimate yet on the total cost of repairing the dam.

Among his findings, engineer Myron Petrovsky said that the dam leaks at a rate of 300 to 600 gallons per minute, which, he said, "may also influence the lake level during the

prolonged dry seasons." He described the left spillway sidewall as "severely deteriorated and eroded," while a concrete wingwall adjacent to it was broken at the corner and had moved toward the pond.

The spillway sidewalls, he said, "are not able to contain the flow during modest flood events, causing frequent overtopping of the walls and erosion of the embankments."

Petrovsky also said that the roots of large trees are penetrating the embank-

ment, while trees growing on the downstream slope are displacing and dislodging masonry.

He concludes his report with recommendations for a three-phase repair project on the dam, including further inspections and surveys and a conceptual design; a preliminary design and permitting process; and repair construction.

In the meantime, he said, the town should cut and remove trees, brush and logs

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Byway group's path growing less bumpy

By MICHAEL DANIELS
The Grafton Notch Scenic Byway Corridor Advisory Group met for the third time Monday, to continue its effort to update and, where needed, revise or reword the 14.1-mile byway's 2000 Corridor Management Plan.

The group will also consider whether or not to propose that the byway be extended on its north and south ends, but that topic did not come up Monday, except in passing.

The tone of Monday's meeting was more amica-

ble and cooperative than at the group's first encounter, in February, in part because it had been established that town's along the byway need not accept the document the group ends up producing.

"You can go through this process and in the end if it does not reflect your true desires and what you want this byway to be, you have a right to not sign off. You have a right to opt out," said Dina Jackson of AVCOG, meeting facilitator.

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Newry to seek bids on highway work

By ALISON ALOISIO
Newry selectmen last week decided to seek three-year bids from contractors to maintain town roads. They also decided look into the possibility, over the longer term, of resurrecting the town highway department.

For the past two decades Newry has contracted with D.A. Wilson Co. Selectmen plan to continue with that arrangement through the

summer, while they seek bids.

At the annual town meeting in March, residents indicated they preferred a bid process.

Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney, who has been researching bid procedures, recommended that the board seek an umbrella bid that would include other town maintenance work, such as mow-

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CPS kids shine in CPR/First Aid Class

By ALISON ALOISIO
Since last fall Stephanie Geyer and her 18 fifth-grade classmates at the Crescent Park Elementary School have been meeting every other week to learn CPR, bandaging and other life-saving skills from members of the Bethel Ambulance Service.

The idea to teach the skills to the kids was hatched last year, as teacher Kathy Conrad watched her class listening to an educational presentation by the Bethel Ambulance crew. The EMTs have done such presentations at the school for years, to familiarize the pupils with what happens during

an ambulance response to a medical emergency.

"They asked such good questions," said Conrad. "I thought it would be great for them to have first aid experience, to have that resource."

Conrad and Bethel Ambulance First Assistant/EMT David Hanscom planned the project last summer. To prepare himself, Hanscom took a course certifying him as an American Heart Association instructor in first aid and CPR. He could then teach the kids the same skills that adults who take the class would learn to become certified.

Beginning in the fall, as

the kids learned the skills, they were tested as part of each teaching session.

They also took a comprehensive written test. "Four of them received a perfect score on their written test, and 11 of them received a grade of 92 or higher," said Hanscom.

Last week, the pupils practiced hands-on by rotating through six stations, each devoted to a different skill.

"I liked the CPR, bandaging and taking off the gloves the best," said Matt Lavoie. (Removing rubber gloves involves a specific procedure to avoid contamination from the gloves themselves.)

"I liked all of it," said Tom Watson. "I liked giving Matt a fake EpiPen (epinephrine auto injection)."

Alicia Barton said that as the lessons progressed, "they started to come easier."

The class will meet one more time to wrap up the certification work.

Other pupils participating include Lilo Bean, Nicole Berry, Crystal Chapman, Selina Creelman, Brooklyn Gordon, Kurtis Grover, Emily Hanscom, Abby Harrington, Blake Katlin, Tristen Lilly, Griffin Lehman, Mia Shiffrin, Kaitlee Turnick, Logan Whitney, and Sarahanne Wright.

Conrad's faith in the kids' ability to pick up the skills was affirmed, she said.

"They were so mature and responsible in the learning process," she said. "And these are life skills. They are confident enough to talk to someone, and make a decision. They can see themselves as being leaders in a situation - 'I can help out' - and have

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MOPPING UP IN GILEAD

Local firefighters and Maine Forest Service forest rangers last week fought a 5-acre wild fire in Gilead on very difficult, mountainous terrain off the North Road. Firefighters from Greenwood, Gilead and Bethel have had to use ATVs to get to a forest clearing and then hike in to the fire site. The MFS said a human element was likely involved in sparking the fire, which started under very dry conditions. On Saturday two Maine Forest Service Rangers spotted and successfully fought a grass fire threatening a garage on Route 26 in Bethel.

(Photo: Maine Forest Service)

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Letters

WISH HIM A GREEN THUMB

To the Editor:

When my former guide dog, Bronson, and I walked in the village he would tell me about any changes, etc., that were important. Now Sunny has continued his observations.

On our first walk down street, as I am now able to walk again, Sunny is keeping me up to date on the goings on about. She informed me of the "Retired" on Mike O'Donnell's sign outside his office on Main Street.

My first reaction was sadness that this change has happened and then happiness for Mike maybe this year he can have a vegetable garden!

For so many years, Mike has given to this community and far beyond, his wisdom, his counsel, his caring for his fellow man beyond all call of duty. I know him professionally to be the sharpest, kindest and best authority. His skills were totally impressive. Mike was always there for advice, counsel, and support for his clients, his village, his friends. He was to me the old-fashioned style of lawyer not many left!

I always revered my grandfather's style (Gerry L. Brooks) — always there. Always wise and the epitome of Abe Lincoln's "A lawyer's time and advice are his stock in trade." I always thought Gerry was the best. But, no, Mike is the best.

Let's all hope he has that garden this summer. We can drop by, see our beloved Mike O'Donnell and benefit from some Irish humor and stories some more.

Lynn Mason-Courtney and Sunny Bethel

LIBERAL VERBIAGE

To the Editor:

Don Chase's letter in the 15 March Citizen is more of the liberal Democratic verbiage still blaming George Bush for the recent economic "train wreck" that wreaked havoc on the banking and housing industries in this country.

The truth is that the Congress dominated by democrats during much of the Clinton and Bush years systematically dismantled the banking regulations passed during the 1930's great depression years, designed to limit banks' ability to invest depositors' money in risky investment schemes. The Senate Banking Committee's Christopher Dodd and the House of Representatives Barney Frank, both Democrats oversaw the changes. The thrust of the Democrats, begun when Clinton was president, was to relax banking rules so that almost everybody could buy into "the American dream of owning a house."

They pressured banks to do away with the requirement that prospective buyers demonstrate the ability to repay loans; they permitted buyers to borrow up to 100 percent of a house's appraised value; they allowed banks to make loans requiring "interest only" payments for a number of years; and they allowed banks to offer "sub prime interest rates" for home buyers.

Of course, they also made sure these loans were guaranteed by the Federal Housing Authority, Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac, all chartered by the federal government and backed by all American taxpayers.

Of course, this new "easy money" was great for the economy and the housing market. Millions of people bought new homes they couldn't afford because they didn't have to put any money down, and the demand for houses exploded making the prices balloon.

Investors could buy an expensive house with nothing down, pay interest only so they didn't build any equity in the house, and sell it after two or three years and make thousands of dollars on somebody else's money. Most didn't read the small print in their mortgage paperwork which stated that a balloon payment of several thousand dollars was coming up in a few short years, and interest payments jumped to catch up with market rates, making their payments overall much higher than many could pay.

Under the new relaxed "Democratic" banking rules, the biggest banks and insurance underwriters hired high-powered mathematicians to design new schemes whereby they could bundle risky home mortgages together and sold them to investors as "derivatives" that nobody but mathematicians could understand.

As reality dawned on the unlucky home buyers who could no longer make their payments, they tried to sell, but nobody could pay the now higher payments. The bubble burst; housing prices fell, the derivatives market tanked, and the banking industry threatened to collapse.

The Bush administration began bailing out the banks "too big to fail," supported by a Democratic Congress. The new Obama administration continued, and even expanded the scale of the bailouts, to include AIG (insurance) and much of the American Auto Industry.

Democrats love to blame everybody else for problems that they themselves created. As usual, it is the American taxpayers who are paying for this colossal mismanagement, now also threatening Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac.

Richard Grover
Mason Township

HOMEOWNER MAKES HER CASE

To the Editor:

We have argued all along that our home is not fairly taxed when compared to other luxury homes in town. If all of the other owners spent \$2MM to build their home but are being taxed at \$700,000, then we too should be taxed at 35 percent not 80 percent. Maine law requires just value and equal treatment. The quality of the construction of each home needs to be compared across all homes in town and then the appropriate grade applied to the square footage of the home. This will naturally yield a higher number if the home is larger. That is fair. What is not fair, is to assign a quality grade that is twice that of the other comparable quality homes in town and jack up the homeowner's taxes by 100 percent.

The assessor's argument that there are no homes exactly like ours is correct but irrelevant. Maine State assessing methodology requires a comparison of quality not floor plan and square footage. There are plenty of other homes of our quality and better. The new selectman, who has been in a large number of the luxury homes in the area, even said that some have better quality than ours. Why is our quality grade at two times the average quality grade of these homes?

For four years now the assessor has the incorrect square footage on our tax card. We have had the built home measured and the accurate square footage certified by Jim Sysko — the assessor still refuses to correct our tax card.

In the last denial, the assessor stated that no new home has received a 5 percent physical depreciation since the revaluation. That is untrue and we have provided numerous tax cards that belie his assertions. It has been the practice of the town to give everyone at least a 5 percent physical depreciation; even the three selectmen have physical depreciation on their tax cards; one has 40 percent, another 20 percent and one 5 percent depreciation. This assessor has given it to numerous other taxpayers but refuses to grant it to us? Is this just or equal treatment?

The tax assessor alleged when he denied the removal of our free-standing hot tubs from the real estate assessment that hot tubs require a building permit in the Town of Newry. This statement was refuted by the town's own CEO who said in writing that they do not yet the assessor refuses to remove them from our tax card.

The tax assessor claimed that he was told by three specific individuals that our home cost \$5MM to build. All three have signed affidavits that they never said that. Yet he based his assessment on a \$5MM cost of construction. We have provided our actual cost of construction and it was 60 percent of the number that he claimed. Yet, he still refuses to lower our assessment.

How many more mis-statements, untruths, and discriminatory actions will the town allow before they start to question the motivations of their tax assessor?

The notion that we simply do not want to pay our fair share is ludicrous. We are litigating over the issue of fairness and equality in taxation methodology and spending more than we would save on our annual tax bill to do so. Furthermore, we donate annually to various community organizations a total amount that is near the annual discrepancy in our tax bill. This is not about "not wanting to pay our fair share" but about a tax assessor who has abused the system and is continuing to soak the taxpayers of the town to defend him rather than admit he made a mistake when he first began assessing for Newry.

Many residents and non-residents have expressed their concern about the tax assessor in town and his methods. Most resoundingly, the residents voiced their concern by voting down a proposal that would have lowered the building permit level to \$1,000. No one wants the tax assessor to have a reason to visit their home and look at their valuation. If there was more faith in the individual hired into that job, there would not have been as much concern about that proposed change. The way that we see it, the vote in December was a no confidence vote by the townspeople in the current assessor. I am glad that the new selectman has pledged to listen. Perhaps the others will in time as well.

Sophia Belinsky
Newry

"INTEREST AND DISMAY"

To the Editor:

I read the "Ridiculous Tirades" March 15 letter with a mixture of interest and dismay. I know and respect Ms. Stickney and she will not be surprised to see that I agree with her on some points, and disagree on others. Generally, I agree with the symptoms she describes, but disagree with her attributions.

As with far too many discussions of this sort, respective positions often reveal more about a person's sources of information than her/his reasoning skills. That sorry state stands as tragic testimony to corrupt, incompetent American news/information media, now controlled by a handful of massive multinational corporations with motives widely divergent from the vision of our Founding Fathers. And so "Ridiculous Tirades" is an apt descriptive term for what's supposed to be well-informed, broadly inclusive discussion of important issues facing American citizens.

Tragically, that exists despite abundant facts and informed opinions that simply aren't getting to We The People to consider. For instance, current consensus among skilled and widely respected economists, academics, and analysts of history point to Republican policies for more than 80 years as primary cause for the agonies we suffer today, including the abysmal lack of high-quality news and information. Those policies are rooted in the neocon "corporatism" championed by such "conservative" icons as Messrs Atwater, Norquist and Roove and parroted by Hate Radio hosts and their minions, who are just beginning to enjoy the ignominy they richly deserve.

In contrast, I find Don Chase's letters generally well informed and stated. His is a critically important individual response to the megaphone of neocon corporatism inundating our commercial media today. It is a lethal pathology attacking our American body politic on a 24-7 basis. I echo Don's appreciation for all who take the time to express their carefully considered opinions on issues, especially those as important as our governance.

The Occupy movement is a nationally organized response to neocon corporatism. Occupy and other non-partisan and progressive organizations are working to awaken us to that pathology, to equip us with objective facts surrounding the issues and to acquaint us with the tools we've been provided by our Founding Fathers to meet the threat of unchecked corporate power. We ignore those tools at our peril.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

CAREER WEEK THANKS

To the Editor:

Between March 16 and March 21 students in the Junior Class at Telstar participated in Career Week. During Career Week these students completed 24 hours of a job shadow experience with adults in their work places. The teachers on the Career Week Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our community who welcomed these students into their work places. Without community help, this program could not fly. We appreciate you taking the time to share your knowledge and expertise with our students so that they discover what career paths they may want to pursue.

The kids had wonderful experiences and are full of stories about their week. This program allows kids to have a better idea of what they are working toward during their senior year. We are grateful for your patience and generosity of time.

Sarah Southam, Ellen Marshall, Robin Fraser, Charlie Raymond,
Melissa Poston and Lori Lindsay, Career Week Advisors

Celladore

'How do you get water?'

The underground water table was very low. I wished that some of man's search for the unknown was going under the ground rather than towards the sky. We had two choices; wait till April for the spring runoff or dig a new well. All summer and fall, wells had been going dry all over the Northeast. Quite a few people in our area had dug new ones; all of them had had to go over three hundred feet, most of them much deeper. At seven dollars a foot plus pipe, new pump and other equipment, the cost would be high. Less than a hundred days till spring. I was willing to make do again.

But this time there was no unfailing source of water only twenty feet away to be had for the carrying. But we did have fields of pure white snow. We soon found out that melting it for necessary water was quite different from getting enough to boil tea over a campfire on a winter snowshoe picnic in the woods. It shrank alarmingly, maybe in a ratio of ten to one. This would never do. I quickly learned to hunt for crust. On a warm day the snow settled, at night it semi-froze. Next a.m. I tapped with a spade. It broke into fantastic shaped slabs. I soon developed a sleuth's sense of the best places to go: corners of the buildings where the walls retained the heat had much thicker chunks than found in the open field. Containers filled with these came out over half water. Once inside it was fascinating to watch shapes change as they settled down before melting. One could stand by the stove, lift out pieces small enough to fit into the top of the teakettle; it melted at once in the boiling water. I remembered reading a theory of an anthropologist or maybe it was a neurophysiologist about our three brains. The reptilian and that of the lower mammals were very old. The third part that gave man an ability for language and abstract symbolic thought had developed very fast and was quite new still. Maybe the two older sections had undue emotional impact upon this new cortex. Surely standing at a stove, moving pieces of concentrated bits of crust from one container to another was a rather simple amusement.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A small fire outside one of the units at Bethel Inn's Fairway Condominiums did only minor damage thanks to fast action by the Bethel Fire Department.

Area senior citizens were volunteering their time once a week in the "Book Buddies" program at the West Bethel Children's Center.

The BIG Adventure Center Indoor Rock Climbing Team took part in a competition at the White Mountain School in Bethlehem, N.H.

Births: Jaylee Ellen Bean, Gregory Scott Smallwood, Raoul Luken Marston-Connell.

Deaths: Ronald H. Ellis, Sr.

20 years ago: The Locke Mills Marketplace was purchased by Associated Grocers of Maine, which planned to operate it as a Shurfine Supermarket.

Jarrold Crockett was selected by the Oxford County Republican Committee to be a page at the Maine Republican State Convention.

Nearly 200 Bethel voters turned out for a special town meeting, and overwhelmingly approved the town's continued management of the GAMM II property.

Deaths: Ernest L. Holt, Lilla E. Reed, Edgar C. Hall.

30 years ago: The New England section of the National Association of Geology Teachers held its 30th annual meeting at Gould Academy.

The Snow Valley Snow Goers sponsored a Mud Stompers Cabaret at the Town Hall in Andover.

The Bethel Lions Club celebrated its 15th Charter Anniversary with a supper and program at the Mundt-Allen Post American Legion hall.

Births: Lisa May Crowell, Joshua Adam Wodka.

Deaths: Seward P. Stearns, Julian R. Thompson, Haakon M. Olson, Harold B. Vatcher, James M. Farrington.

40 years ago: The Bethel Evening Extension was sponsoring a series of four sewing classes with instructors Mrs. Sylvia Benson and Mrs. Joan Coolidge.

Deaths: Hamilton R. DeLisle, Mrs. Alice D. Coffin, Mrs. Mina Nowlin, Mrs. Myrtle A. Keniston.

50 years ago: The Sudbury Inn was advertising Friday night dancing, for adults, with music by the Jazzmen.

The former Herrick Brothers garage and machine shop on lower Main Street was being razed.

Deaths: Wayne Heikkinen, Mrs. Jessie Flagg.

60 years ago: Rehearsals were underway for the "Cotton Blossom" Minstrel Show sponsored by the Bethel Players.

Birth: Linda Hathaway. **Deaths:** Bert Bennett, George N. Thompson, Mrs. Mary A. Cole Bennett, Michael J. Marshall.

70 years ago: Sugar was to be rationed. Everyone was called upon for registration.

Blackout rules for drivers of vehicles were published.

Deaths: Sumner P. Davis, Mrs. Nettie A. Chapman, Philip D. Wight, Jr., George Crockett, George Waugh.

90 years ago: The Superintending School Committee offered the school house and lot at West Bethel for sale at public auction.

Bion Brown, who had charge of the block signals on the GTR in Bethel, was transferred to South Paris. **Death:** Mike Gill.

100 years ago: Otis Rayford's remains were shipped to Bethel to be buried in Woodland Cemetery.

Deaths: Capt. Charles H. Prince, Charles G. Needham.

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Letters

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CHAMBER AWARD WINNERS

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce the names of our 2012 award recipients, who represent the "best of the best" in our workplaces and community. These individuals will be recognized at the 43rd Annual Bethel Area Chamber Awards Dinner on Friday, May 4, at the Grand Summit Hotel. Everyone is welcomed to attend this event - chamber membership or affiliation is not necessary. Reservations can be made to the chamber office, 824-2282, no later than Monday, April 30 - a full buffet dinner is \$39 per person.

The Business of the Year award will be given to Matterhorn Ski Bar, Roger Beaudoin and Patrice Miller, co-owners. The Matterhorn has been recognized by Ski Magazine as "Classic" Ski Bar and "The Best Ski Bar" by Skiing Magazine. A consistent employer and strong business since 1998, the chamber is pleased to recognize Roger and Patrice for their accomplishments.

James Monahan will be honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim proudly served our country in both the Army and Air Force and retired after a distinguished 28 years of service. Jim has been with the Bethel Rotary Club almost since its formation, and has served as president twice. Jim exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and the chamber is pleased to be recognizing him for a lifetime of service. Jim is 94 years young!

The individual receiving the coveted Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship is someone who exemplifies all the wonderful qualities of the gentleman the award is named for. Michael "Mike" O'Donnell has served the people of Bethel and the surrounding communities in numerous capacities over his 40 plus years of practicing law in town. His service on the Board of Appeals, School Board, and as Water District Trustee reflects his long-term commitment to not just the Town of Bethel, but the common good of all its residents. Although now officially retired, Mike has performed well the role of the consummate small town attorney, offering a sense of fairness and justice to all those with whom he dealt.

Mike Halle of Hancock Lumber will be receiving the Forest Products Industry Award. Nominated by Kevin Hancock, Mike is described as having exceptional passion for his workplace, as well as demonstrating a high level of skill in process improvement and management systems. Mike is also a former chamber board member.

Lynn Arizzi, our 2012 Non Profit Leadership Award recipient, has made tremendous contributions to the Western Mountains Senior College Senior Players and the Bethel Performing Arts Project. Lynn is a Bethel Rotarian and has been a consistent volunteer for many community events.

The Rising Star Entrepreneur Award is being presented to Amanda Moran, owner of Nabos, a fantastic and "hip" shop in the Philbrook Place on Main Street, Bethel. Since opening her shop, Amanda has brought a whole new level of energy and enthusiasm to Bethel's retail community. Amanda recently joined the Chamber's board of directors and has "jumped right in" to help with marketing projects and chamber events.

Ann Mills Patten, a Bethel native and public servant in her role with the local pharmacy, is being recognized with the 2012 Public Service Award. Ann started her career at age 16 as a clerk at Clukey's Pharmacy on Main Street. She went on to become Store Manager, a title she maintained as the business became Prim's Pharmacy, and then Preb's Pharmacy. When Rite Aid opened, Ann earned her Pharmacy Tech license, and she has continued to serve the public from behind the counter there. She is being cited for her professionalism and scope of knowledge - and for serving customers for more than four decades.

The Rocky Freda Memorial Award is going to one of Rocky's best friends and co-founder of the Upper Andro Anglers Alliance (UAAA), Scott Stone. When Scott isn't busy with his Schlavi Home Builders business, you will find him fly-fishing, his true passion. Scott is currently president of the UAAA and is on the Board of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Scott was integral in the success of the First Annual Fly Fishing EXPO held last month in Bethel.

Four Employee of the Year recognitions will be awarded. Meredith Harrop of Sunday River Resort's Perfect Turn Program is receiving the Ski Industry Award for her dedicated service as a manager of all the children's programs and the management of close to 80 ski pros! Leslie Moore, manager of Viewer's Choice Video for 12 years is receiving the Service & Retail Award. She is being recognized by her employer as having excellent leadership and management skills and a dedication to the store's success. Kim Tibbetts of Rooster's Roadhouse is described as having a genuine hospitality attitude, a quick and efficient worker and a true team player. She is being given the Hospitality Award. The Education Employee of the Year recognition is being awarded to Queda Billings, a positive influence at the Woodstock School since her arrival in 1979. She is being cited for her nurturing and compassionate demeanor, having a positive effect on children and staff members for the past 34 years. Queda is retiring and will be missed. The chamber is honored to be recognizing these four excellent employees.

A Special Recognition Award is being presented to the Western Mountains Senior College in appreciation for their 10 years of program contributions to the "over 50" crowd in Bethel. Many individuals have provided their time to make this organization a true asset to the Bethel area.

Additionally, several student awards will be presented, including two Citizenship Awards, the Taste of Bethel Award and, new this year, the SkiESta Scholarship Awards.

Many thanks to Oxford Networks and Northeast Bank, in addition to our host Sunday River Resort, for their sponsorship support of this joy-filled event. Please contact the Chamber office to reserve your seat and help us to recognize these excellent individuals and businesses!

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director

Briefly

THS shines in math competition

BETHEL - Four Telstar High School Calculus students, Adam Mahar, senior; Matthew Keane, senior; Colton Davis, junior; and Yae Reem Lee, junior, recently entered an online math contest sponsored by Moody's, the credit rating agency. The contest required the participants to download a real-life math problem and then formulate and upload a solution in a 14-hour period. They were not allowed any help from adults during that time. Of the 961 teams entered, Telstar's team was one of only 134 teams, and one of only two from the state of Maine, that were chosen to advance to the second round. While the team did not advance to the third round, teacher Susan Coyne said the students' achievement "was a very notable accomplishment."

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REASONS

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In addition to the top three reasons listed, others included a favorite teacher (by name, in some cases), classes they liked, Satellite groups and other extracurricular activities (such as student or library aide, drama club, band or other music program, Student Council).

Less positive offerings included "getting out," "lack of a better option," "my parents make me go," and "the truant lady will get me if I don't."

Hart also outlined procedures and steps to reduce the number of students dropping out of Telstar.

Among them: an academic-recovery system to teach students essential academic skills; regular teacher team meetings to identify at-risk students; professional development activities on learning styles for academic staff; continuation of student advisory systems; a formalized literacy program; expanded transition activities between schools; and providing multiple pathways for learning, such as outdoor-leadership education.

Woodstock Director Marcel Polak asked Hart if he had statistical data showing dropout rates at Telstar.

Hart said he did not, and that the dropout prevention plan focuses on procedures.

"I like to think our rate is low compared to other schools our size," he said.

Hart said in some cases, students complete the 11th grade, then decide to finish through the SAD 44 Adult Education program to earn a GED.

In that case, the state still considers the student a dropout. Also considered

a dropout, he said, is a student who goes to Telstar for five years to earn a diploma.

Polak said he hoped dropout statistics would be available in the future.

"We need some baseline to judge how we're doing," he said.

After the meeting Hart elaborated on the numbers of students in danger of dropping out.

He said the THS staff works with six to 10 students a year, through intervention and support activities to ensure they stay in school.

On average, he said, three or four students a year drop out after all activities and resources have been exhausted. They are required to participate in an "exit from school interview/meeting" with a parent or mentor, and lay out plans such as finding a job, pursuing a GED or enrolling in adult education.

Facelift for bus garage
In other business at Monday's meeting, the board approved up to \$1,000 in materials for Michael Pelletier and Clean Cut Painting to scrape, prime and paint the SAD 44 Bus Garage.

Supt. Dave Murphy said Pelletier had volunteered to repaint the old building, which the district has hoped for years to replace.

But because funding is not on the near horizon, "we're going to address the aesthetics," he said. "It's an eyesore coming into town."

He said the wood trim has lead paint in it, but Pelletier has arranged for someone to take care of it before repainting begins.

In addition to the fresh coat of paint, plans call for adding "Welcome to

BETHEL ..." lettering on the Parkway side of the building, and "... proud home of the Telstar Rebels!" on the front.

The discussion on the agenda item took a humorous turn when Chair Sid Pew proposed an amendment dropping the word "proud."

"I don't know if I'm proud of the bus garage," he said, to laughter.

The board approved the original wording.

Another agenda item, on a policy to provide for awarding high school diplomas to veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War Era, prompted a lengthy discussion when Polak proposed an amendment to change "Korean Conflict" to "Korean War."

He took issue with what he called the "whitewashing" of American involvement in Korea in the 1950s.

"It was a war, whether Congress called it that or not," said Polak, referring to the fact that President Truman sent troops to Korea without asking for a declaration of war from Congress.

Murphy said the key element of the agenda item was adding Viet Nam veterans to an existing provision for awarding diplomas to WWII and Korean veterans.

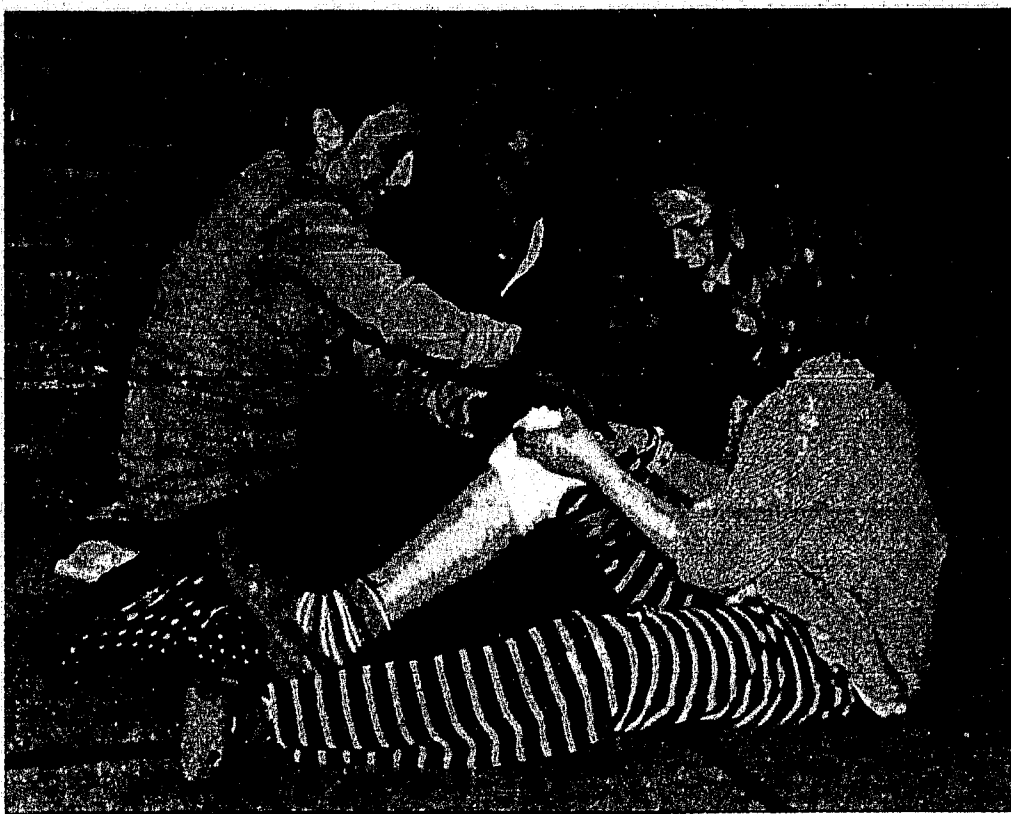
He noted the wording of the item followed state guidelines.

Polak's amendment failed on a weighted vote of 443-329.

The School Board meets next April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School. The Finance Committee hopes to have an initial FY13 budget proposal to present then.

CPS CPR

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CPS fifth-graders have been learning first aid and CPR from members of Bethel Ambulance. Here, Nicole Berry bandages Mia Shiffrin, as Lilo Bean and EMT Mindy Evans look on in the background.

a plan of action. I hope we can do it again next year."

Hanscom also had high praise for the youngsters, and stressed the benefit to the community.

"The really nice thing is that there are AEDs (automated external defibrillators) at the Crescent Park School and Telstar Middle/High School. Having these students trained in-

creases the number of people in those two buildings who are knowledgeable in the use of these important pieces of equipment. Now if someone goes into cardiac arrest at one of our local schools, there will be more people who know what to do, and who will hopefully be able to help save a life if needed."

The pupils' accomplish-

ments have also impressed their families.

"My mom said she's proud of me," said Stephanie.

(Note: The Bethel Ambulance Service is planning a free CPR class for anyone in the community May 27 (836-2174 for more info). They will also hold CPR classes with some students at Telstar High School in May.)

DAM

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from around the dam, repair eroded areas with stone and clear road culverts below the dam.

Selectmen Ron Deegan suggested the town aim to complete the project over the next two years, and choose an engineer to oversee the work.

Other topics

In other business at last week's board meeting, Selectman Rick Young raised the question of whether to buy a used grader to replace the 32-year-old one owned by the town.

He said, for example, that he had seen a \$16,000 one

available at an auction.

The board also discussed the option of contracting out for grading work. "The question is whether to sink \$16,000 into a grader, or let someone else have all the headaches," Young said.

Town Manager Vern Maxfield updated the board on plans to improve the Concord Pond Road, possibly by putting down a six-inch layer of three-inch diameter packed rock.

Voters approved money for the work at town meeting.

"As long as we have a siz-

able chunk of money, we might as well do as good a job as we can, as far as we can go," said Maxfield.

Maxfield also reported that there will be a change in schedule time for this year's New England Performance Rally race through Woodstock on the Concord Pond Road. Rally cars will pass through the area around noon, rather than at suppertime. He said the change should please nearby residents. "The biggest complaint was that the road was closed from 3 to 7 p.m.," he said.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

All of you who like potato chips raise your hand. I guess that's just about everyone. I'm sure there are some people who don't like them, but I don't think I've ever encountered a potato chip hater. Even one of my grandsons, who doesn't like much of anything, loves potato chips.

I periodically swear off the salty, crispy snack, but it's not because I don't like them; it's because I so very much do. I like them way too much. For me, potato chips are definitely what Weight Watchers call a "red light" food. Once I start munching on them I just can't stop.

Though potato chips are not the sole culprit in my ever-expanding waistline, they certainly are a major contributor. I eat them when I'm happy. I eat them when I'm bored. I especially find solace in potato chips when I'm frustrated and angry.

There is a bit of irony there because potato chips were created out of frustration and anger. Not as a comfort food as in my case, but as an act of rebellion that backfired.

It all started in 1853 at the Moose Lake Lodge Restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York. One of the most popular items on the menu was French-fried potatoes, which had been enjoyed by Americans ever since Thomas Jefferson brought the recipe back from France in the 1700's. Moose Lake Lodge was known for having exceptional French-fries due to the culinary talents of George Crum, the head chef.

One day a very picky customer rejected George's French-fries on the grounds that they were much too thick for his liking. George was quite offended, but being the good chef that he was, he cut a thinner ver-

sion in an effort to satisfy the unhappy customer.

The diner thought the second batch of French-fries were still too thick and sent them back to the kitchen with no compliments to the chef.

To say that George was insulted, frustrated and angry would be an understatement. At this point he didn't care if the guest got up and walked out of the restaurant. To prove this, Chef Crum produced French-fries that were way too thin and crisp to be skewered with a fork.

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As it turned out, the guest was thrilled over the browned paper-thin potatoes. He was so thrilled in fact, that his excitement drew the attention of other guests who wanted to try this new creation too.

The next thing you knew, Saratoga Chips became a house specialty. They became so popular that Moose Lake Lodge began to package them and sell them throughout the Northeast and junk food was born.

George eventually opened his own restaurant featuring his chips as a main feature. He, however, had to employ a number of people just to hand peel and slice the potatoes, which were a dinner entrée just as the French-fries were.

In 1920 someone, might even have been George, invented the mechanical potato peeler. That machine and a man named Herman Lay changed

the Northern dinner dish into America's best loved snack food. Thank you very much Herman.

Herman, a traveling salesman, so loved the potato chips and knew a good thing when he ate them, bought huge quantities of the product and traveled throughout the South talking grocers into selling this wonderful new snack food called "Lay's Potato Chips." The rest, as they say, is history.

And now Americans, me especially, consume more potato chips than anywhere in the world. And to think back to colonial times when potatoes were grown, not for human consumption, but for pig food. That makes some sense considering that I can make quite a pig of myself with potato chips.

But, here's the interesting part; the early settlers didn't shun potatoes because they didn't like them. Oh no, they didn't eat them because they believed that spuds in any form shortened a person's life.

And though French-fries, fried potatoes and potato chips with all the fat and salt can, no doubt, lead to heart problems and indeed shorten a person's life, the colonists knew nothing of this. They refused to eat potatoes because they believed them to be, get ready for this, an aphrodisiac, which led to behavior that would eventually be a life ender. I guess that behavior in pigs was not considered a problem because their lives were going to be short anyway.

Can you believe that? Potatoes as an aphrodisiac - amazing. Well, the way I see it, that just may be the case with potato chips because as my favorite snack food, they certainly do turn me on!



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ing. The contractor could then subcontract for the smaller jobs.

(Only three-year contracts or all such contracts? How about: "Any such contract would need to be approved by a special town meeting.")

Selectman Gary Wight wondered about bringing back a highway department, which the town had before going with Wilson.

Selectman Chair Wendy Hanscom was skeptical. "Getting in the equipment business is really expensive," she said, noting that highway equipment issues are perennial headaches at town meetings she has moderated in other towns.

But Wight saw little difference between highway equipment and fire trucks, which the town manages itself.

"We have the buildings

to house them and do maintenance," he said. "We could utilize people in our own town to get these things done. It might save money over the years."

"I think it might be worth looking into, to get cost comparisons," said Selectman Brooks Morton.

The board decided to proceed with bid plans while researching highway department options. In the meantime D.A. Wilson will be asked to continue with summer maintenance.

In other business, the subject of a noise ordinance arose when Town Administrator Loretta Powers said there had been complaints about a party recently at a home in the Powder Ridge subdivision. Gunshots were reportedly fired repeatedly over the course of eight hours, extending late into

the evening.

"The neighbors complained," said Powers.

Powers said there have been complaints in the past about loud parties, music and fireworks in that area or from the area around the Sunday River golf course. In many cases, she said, the sound was related to weddings.

Selectmen decided to wait to see if a groundswell of support for an ordinance developed before looking further into the subject. Enforcement can be difficult, they said.

The board also heard an update from Bonney, who is researching energy/heating improvement options at the town office, and heard a presentation from Glen Holmes of the Western Maine Economic Development Council on services his organization could offer.

BYWAY

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Jackson was paraphrasing earlier comments by Fred Michaud, policy development specialist with the Maine Department of Transportation and coordinator for the Scenic Byways Program.

Michaud also attended the meeting, and stressed the need for consensus rather than confrontation.

For example, he said, rather than have the committee members vote to accept or reject a proposal, "we try to move to a consensus position, because voting has winners and losers. With consensus you either agree or we don't move down the road."

... If somebody has real concerns and they find they cannot support that, then the group either persuades that individual or individuals to come along, or you modify positions so that you do get some middle ground, or you set it aside.

"I find that voting gets to be 'this team' and 'that team'."

"It doesn't serve to develop a good committee over the long term," Michaud said.

What's in a word? Such consensus was evident Monday in the discussion of what, Steve Wight,

a former Newry selectman who was in the audience, described as a "funny word" — "constant," which can mean, among other things, constant through space or constant through time.

The conversation began when committee member David Stearns, of Chadbourn Tree Farms, questioned the 2000 plan's use of the word in a description of what "landscape features" visitors see as they travel along the byway.

"I struggle with 'fields and forests that serve as a constant landscape,' when a lot of the viewscapes from the corridor would be potentially privately owned," Stearns said.

Approximately five miles of the road, through Grafton Notch State Park, is publicly owned. The rest is private.

Michaud asked: "If I'm a driver up through here, does it matter if it's public or private if it's pretty?"

"But that's my point," replied Stearns. "If you base the description of the corridor on it being a scenic view because it's wooded, and somebody's got private land with that view, they may not keep it wooded forever."

"And this says 'constant' landscape."

"Is the word 'constant' of concern to you?" asked Jackson.

"Constant" sounds to me like something that's got to stay forever."

"Maybe they meant 'visually continuous,'" replied Jackson.

"Constant" is a funny word to use there," she agreed. "Maybe it should say 'a continuous view of the landscape.'"

Michaud said he didn't see "constant" as a "loaded" word.

Stearns replied: "You have to forgive me, I see every word as loaded."

"But that's your job," said Wight.

The word was changed.

Signage

Signage, especially interpretive signage, occupied much of Monday's meeting.

There appeared to be consensus the corridor should have signs identifying for visitors what different types of land ownership were within the views they were enjoying and how those lands were being managed, including for traditional Maine activities such as logging.

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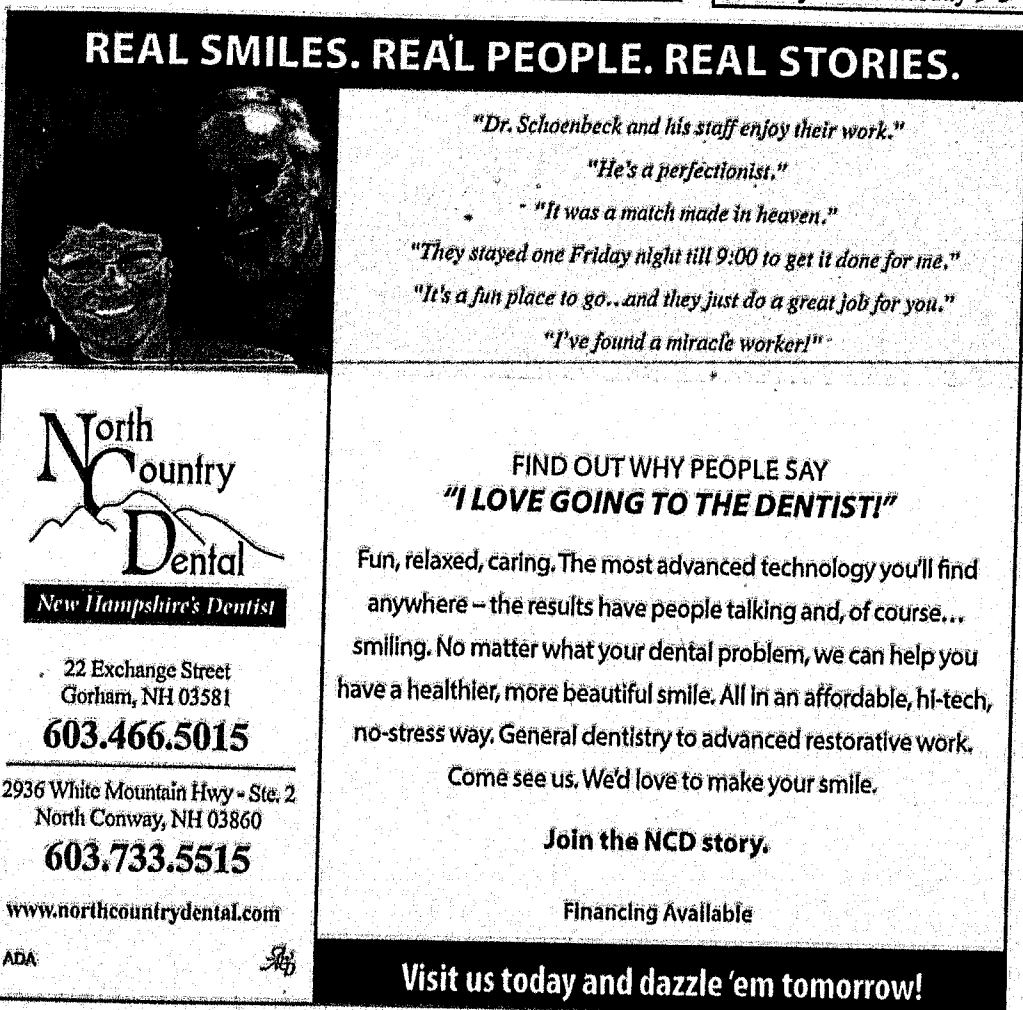
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SMILES FUND YARD SALE

To the Editor:

Healthy smiles are important to all people regardless of age, gender or economic standing. The Smile Fund established nine years ago by West Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is dedicated to helping adults in the SAD 44 area who are in need of restorative dental work. This dental work is expensive and the fund is for helping those for whom financial resources are not available. Please contact the Rev. Virginia Rickeman at 824-0550 for further information about the Smile Fund or to submit an application for aid. All applications are confidential. Approval has just been given to the 47th client.

On Saturday, April 21, there will be an indoor yard sale at the church to raise funds for this project. Spring cleaning is a good time to go through and sort what might be useful for the sale. The sale will be in the church basement from 9 a.m. to noon. Tools to toys and everything in between will be for sale — something for everyone! We'll also have plants available for the gardens. Please stop by. You are sure to find a bargain and your purchase will help a wonderful project. And donations will be accepted Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (April 18, 19, and 20).

Jane Chandler
Coordinator, The Smile Fund

FINALLY, CLIMATE CHANGE RULES

To the Editor:

We are seeing the effects of climate change across our country now. In the past few years we've had more erratic temperatures, snowfall, and lake ice; more extreme droughts and floods; and other damaging and dangerous trends.

We should expect to see even more climate trouble in the coming years, because we have done little to cut back on the air pollution that drives climate change. If we do not act now to reduce climate change pollution, our kids and grandchildren face a grim future.

Finally the first US rules to help begin stabilizing our climate have been issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. Every sensible person should welcome these rules, and encourage our leaders to do more to protect our environment, our economy, and our children's future.

Ken Hotopp
Bethel

LURC CHANGES WILL NOT RAISE TAXES

To the Editor:

This is submitted to correct severe inaccuracies in a recent letter from Oxford County Treasurer Roy Gedat.

The treasurer repeatedly asserts that proposed changes to the Land Use Regulation Commission will raise taxes in Oxford County, and for that reason he opposes changes to LURC. Let's take a closer look.

The treasurer's letter fails to mention that none of the county's 36 towns, comprising 96 percent of the county's taxable value, will be affected financially or otherwise by changes at LURC. Also omitted is the fact that 98 percent of Oxford County residents live in towns and beyond any tax effect that may be caused by changes to LURC.

Because "UT" spending is segregated by law from the county general fund budget and its supporting county tax, the county treasurer is just about entirely wrong on this issue a minimum of 96 percent wrong, with the last 4 percent giving him benefit of the doubt.

The treasurer could be 100 percent wrong. The statewide \$1.8 million LURC expenditure is supported by taxes already levied against Maine's unorganized territory. If that figure is apportioned among individual counties' territories, there may be no change whatsoever in the tax burden of Oxford County's "UT."

Regardless of what happens to LURC, its cost will not affect the county tax or the towns which pay it. The county's general fund receives 5 percent of the amount spent in the unorganized territory as an administration fee with these funds used to offset the county tax. Therefore, a transfer of LURC duties could conceivably reduce the county tax, rather than raise it.

In closing we are left to wonder if the elected treasurer's letter has been motivated by fleeting political gain, or if it is indicative of less-than-full comprehension of the county financial system. Either possibility is discouraging, the latter in particular.

Caldwell Jackson
Oxford County Commissioner, Oxford

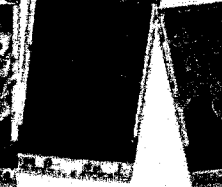
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OCSD Patrol Log

Wednesday, April 5

At 6:24 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Main Street in Bethel regarding an incident the day before in which a person was reported chasing a school bus, squealing tires and burning rubber. The subject appeared not to have a driver's license.

At 11:46 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the East Bethel Road in Greenwood for a report of harassment.

Thursday, April 6

At 8 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the West Paris Road in Greenwood for a report of a juvenile walking on the side of the road.

At 10:46 a.m. Deputy George Cayer responded to Church Street in Bethel for a report of a possible sexual assault between students.

At 11:45 a.m. a report was received of a maroon Ford van, unsafe, with an expired inspection sticker and children in the vehicle in Bethel. Deputy George Cayer was assigned.

At 1:33 p.m. in Bethel Deputy Mike Halacy located a past marijuana outdoor grow site. The information was passed on to a drug investigator.

At 1:51 p.m. Capt. Hart Daley responded to the Walkers Mills Road in Bethel for a possible unlawful sexual contact between a juvenile and an adult.

Saturday, April 7

At 5 p.m. Deputy Matt Baker assisted a state trooper on Route 2 in Bethel with a vehicle stop.

At 7:21 p.m. Deputies Matt Baker and George Cayer assisted a trooper on an arrest on Route 2 in Bethel.

At 11:23 p.m. Deputy George Cayer assisted a state trooper on Mayville Road in Bethel with an intoxicated subject.

Sunday, April 8

At 9:40 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch observed damage to a lawn area on the Jordan Woods Road in Bethel.

At 1:43 p.m. on Route 2 in Bethel Deputy Dani Welch summonsed Dana Priscott, 45, for operating an unregistered motor vehicle for more than 150 days.

At 1:43 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area of the Bailey Road in Bethel. Deputy Dani Welch responded.

At 9:46 p.m. a caller reported subjects fighting over the computer on Cross Street in Bethel. One of the subjects had left when Cpl. Brian Landis and Deputy George Cayer arrived. There was no crime.

Monday, April 9

At 4:09 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report of a 10-speed bike that had been near a construction area for several days.

Oxford County Jail Log:

April 7, 8:22 p.m.: Daniel M. Wright, 46, of Stratham, N.H., OUI, driving to endanger, speeding 30 mph over the limit; by Trooper Jason Wing on Route 2 in Bethel.

April 8, 4:33 a.m.: Evan D. Arvaedon, 21, of Foxboro, Mass., disorderly conduct, failure to submit to arrest/detention; by Trooper Dan Hanson in Newry.

April 8, 4:11 a.m.: Joseph L. Carroll, 23, of New Gloucester, disorderly conduct, failure to submit to arrest/detention, theft; by Trooper Jason Wing in Newry.

April 8, 5:52 p.m.: Nathan D. Clukey, 36, of Bryant Pond, failure to appear; by Trooper Jason Wing in Bethel.

April 8, 1:45 a.m.: Joseph P. Hoff, 41, of West Paris, OUI; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Bethel.

April 8, 3:45 a.m.: Vincent T. Moschella, 22, of Berkley, Mass., theft; by Trooper Jason Wing in Newry.

April 8, 4:31 a.m.: Emily J. Strickland, 23, of Freeport, theft, disorderly conduct; by Trooper Jason Wing in Newry.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's Month. The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) sponsors the month to help educate the public about what we can do to prevent animal abuse.

The first step is to recognize abuse and report it to the police or sheriff's office. It is a crime to abuse any animal. We can all do something this month to help animals: making a contribution to a shelter, the ASPCA, or another organization; adopting a shelter pet; or helping educate others about animal abuse.

One simple step pet owners can take to protect their pets is to give them flea and tick medicine early this year. The ticks are already out and experts are predicting a bad season for ticks and Lyme disease. For ideas on how to help prevent cruelty to animals, you can visit the ASPCA website at www.asPCA.org.

Gas prices are on the rise again. A few days ago, I drove to Lewiston and watched prices fluctuate from \$3.93 for a gallon of regular unleaded in South Paris to \$4.06 a gallon in Auburn.

As I write this on Sunday night, the national average price of regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.92 per gallon. One year ago the national average was \$3.75. Here in Maine, the average price is \$3.99 per gallon. We don't have the highest gasoline prices in the country, but we do rank 41 out of the states for high prices. Prices range from \$3.77 in Cape Elizabeth to \$4.22 a gallon in Madawaska.

If you've been walking more because of the high gas prices, consider entering the Run for Wellness 5K Road Race being sponsored by Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. The race/walk is on Sunday, June 3, and the event is intended to help all of us think more about living a healthy lifestyle. The race/walk is open to anyone, including experienced competitors and those who have never walked or run in a race. There is also a Kids Fun Run, which is designed for children 14 and under to get out and be active. The race begins at 9 a.m. at the Ripley Medical Build-



FIGHTING GILEAD FIRE—An MFS helicopter flies over a forest fire in Gilead after dropping water last Wednesday, the day the fire off the North Road started.

(Photo: Hugh Chapman)

ing at 193 Main Street in Norway and runs through downtown to Crockett Ridge Road and back. Advance registration is \$15 and if you register before May 1, you get a free SMH Run for Wellness 5K t-shirt. There is no registration fee for the Kids Run. If you want to run or walk, you can register online at www.wmhc.org, or send your \$15 fee to SMH Run for Wellness 5K, SMH, 181 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



I do hope everyone had a great Easter. It was nice at my house. The kids were amazed with what the Easter Bunny left for them and enjoyed the egg hunt. They kind of broke the record by finding all the eggs.

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Counseling in South Paris. A resource table will be available and participants will have a chance to make suggestions for specific addiction-related programs of interest that may be offered in the future. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

The news on this end of town is that Ryan R. Stowell has been promoted to Team Lead for the MIT Lincoln Lab. His family congratulates him for a job well done.

The Alder River Grange will meet on the 13th of April at the Hall starting with a potluck at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Spring surely has sprung as you can see, as the Grange meeting will be at the Hall and also Arlene Harrington is on the move again. On Tuesday and Wednesday before Easter, on a spur of the moment, she went to visit her daughter, Dori in Durham.

Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Spring in Maine. You've got to love it! Last Sunday, there was just about anything you would expect. I looked out and there was snow, sleet and that was followed by sunshine. Then it began all over again. Later in the day it was just rain.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. We loaded his truck up with a big

bag of returnable bottles for him to take to the SAD 44 Maintenance Garage. They redeem the bottles and put the money toward a scholarship.

Major Stephen McLain, who is still stationed in the country of Norway, sent an e-mail to update everyone on a recent trip to Florence, Italy. They all had a great time and it will be a long, cherished memory for the whole family. Steve went to Italy for NATO budget meetings, and his wife, Peachy, and the children, Marina, Nathan, Quinn and Evan, followed along to enjoy a short vacation. They were on their own for most of the entire trip, but he was able to spend some time with them and enjoy some of the places they visited. They took the train to Pisa on Tuesday to see the Leaning Tower and on Thursday, they took another train to Venice.

Chris Chapman called last Sunday to wish us a Happy Easter. All seems to be well with Chris, Kym and Mariyah out in St. Cloud, Minn. Mariyah will be graduating this year and then heading off to college. According to her posts on Facebook, she is counting the days.

Hugh and I went to Gorham, N.H., Saturday and then stopped to visit with Tim and Michele and the grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney. The kids had a couple of friends over and they were coloring Easter eggs. Tim, William, Annie and Sidney were at the house Sunday for a little while. They also brought their dog, Chloe, with them.

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Hugh and I talked to Howard and 'Stevie' Reiche this past week. They both are well and were interested in finding out about the recent woods fire on Tumbledown Dick Mountain on the North Road. I e-mailed the pictures that Hugh took from Route 2. We went down right after the fire call came in. There was quite a lot of smoke and the flames could be seen in some places.

It was quite a challenge for the firefighters to get to the fire since it was on the ledges on the face of the mountain. They stayed on the scene until dark and returned the next morning to finish putting out the fire with the help of the helicopter.

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Steve and Lise McLain went to Mr. Pizza last Sunday and had lunch and then made a trip to Walmart.

Sent in from Lise McLain: "Lise McLain picked up her father, Gerard Dupont, at Ledgewood and took him to his appointment at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, New Hampshire for an outpatient procedure regarding his bladder cancer, and the good news is that it is still in remission. Lise McLain was awoken early Thursday morning by a "special" visitor. There he was



DBA: Barker Brook Kennels

Justine Carver recently opened Barker Brook Kennels at 120 Sunday River Road, Bethel, where she offers boarding, grooming and daycare for dogs. Grooming for cats is also available. The kennel facility includes 10 indoor/outdoor runs, an indoor play area with rubber flooring to provide traction, and a large outdoor fenced-in play area. Prices are \$20 a day for daycare and \$20 a night for boarding. Carver formerly worked as a groomer for the Doggy and Kitty Salon of West Bethel, and recently purchased that portion of the business. Grooming services for dogs include bath, blow dry, brush out, clipping, nail trim and ear cleaning. Prices vary according to the type of dog. For cats, nail trims, shave downs and brush outs are offered. Left, Carver grooms a St. Bernard. (207-357-BARK; Hotshots.golden@gmail.com)

just as cute as ever standing by the picture window making his usual rooster noises. With all the years that Lise has lived in Gil-ead, she has never been awoken by a rooster before. The rooster is owned by David Taylor and Judy Perrille, who are Lise's neighbors."

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Saturday, April 14, will be the annual Volunteer Day in Hanover. Starting at 8 a.m. participants will meet at the Hanover Town Office and work will progress from there. Rakes and shovels are needed to help workers do outside clean-up work. The event is a few weeks earlier than most years because of the early melting of snow and possible fire danger from dry leaves.

The Hanover Planning Board met April 4 at the Town Office. CEO Joelle Corey-Whitman explained several pending projects along South Shore Road at Howard Pond. She also discussed with the Board a resident's questions about building yurts near the Androscoggin River. The next meeting will be May 2 starting at 5 p.m. It was suggested that the Planning Board might meet with the Select Board at that meeting to discuss the Maine Uniform Building Code.

"Understanding Addiction and its Impact on Our Friends, Families and Community," is the title of a program on April 18 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tom Farrington, a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, will present the program that is sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. The free program will be at the Bethel Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel.

A program to start off National Grange Month took place on April 7 at Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico. The Theme Dinner entitled "An Evening in Tuscany" was sponsored by University College and Region 9 Adult Education and was part of the Outlander Project. Roz Hodge and Corrine Downs spearheaded the project to benefit Rumford Grange 115. The menu consisted of ceasar salad, minestrone soup, brochette, linguine and homemade pies. Rumford Grange received six new applications for membership from the guests attending the function.

Young Children (and some not so young) leaped from homes in search of Easter eggs. They hurried to every nook and cranny to see who could find the most. Then it was to the kitchen table to open the eggs and examine the contents. Moms and Dads watched carefully to make sure too much candy was not immediately consumed. And then Easter was over and tired out boys and girls slept like a log. We hope to see the young folks again soon!

The dam at Howard Pond has been closed. Every year people say that the pond is too low and will never fill all up but somehow it always does.

A dead deer was found in Route 2 in Hanover Village last week. A truck apparently hit it.

Peak-A-Week has scheduled a hike from Hanover Village to the top of Woodman's Peak on Wednesday, April 18. The group usually starts from the Rumford Information Booth at 5 p.m.

Hanover Tax Maps for the 2011 commitment have been placed on the Hanover Website. Go to www.hanoverme.org. Be patient for the initial download may take a few minutes.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid are considering a reprint of their cookbook. The last edition was printed almost 20 years ago. The new updated edition will of course be bigger and better. They have also made plans for a field trip to an Auburn "quitting place" where they hope to learn more about finishing quilts. They will choose a backing for the quilt they are currently making while they are there. The trip is for April 13, departing Upton at 10 a.m. For more information please call Carol at 533-2028.

The State Line Snowmobile Club met Saturday. They discussed building a replacement bridge over Black Brook. The bridge washed away last summer. The trail that was lost because the bridge is gone is an important link in the Upton trail system. The members discussed the idea of having a table during "Fun Day" to help promote their club, display their grooming equipment, and maybe have maps and other items to sell.

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. in the Upton House. Beginning the first Sunday in May, the Upton Church will start having a weekly service. The services will be held at 5 p.m. The Reverend Jane Rich will preside.

The next meeting of the Upton Planning Board will be April 27, in the town office.

The Upton Town Office Hours are changing. Until June 16, the hours will be as follows: Tuesdays, 8 to 10 a.m., Saturdays, 8 to 10 a.m. The office will NOT BE OPEN Thursdays.

Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9 a.m. there will be a meeting in the Upton school for the purpose of forming an A.T.V. club in Upton. Anyone interested in being involved should attend. It is expected that Mike Worthley, A.T.V. Maine, Western Region V.P., will be there to help and to answer questions. For more information please call Bob Pepler at 533-2061.

When I am headed for work I leave my house shortly before 5 in the morning. Due to the roads being posted and mud season in the woods, three of five days last week I did

not see any moving vehicles until I was in sight of Newry Corner, 21 miles of zero traffic, now that is the way life should be! Call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The Easter Bunny's helpers in the person of Trisha Mills Cox and others were busy Friday evening hiding eggs for the 50 children that participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt here. One of the winners of an Easter Basket filled with all kinds of goodies was Ayla Nabors, granddaughter of Frannie and Wayne Kerschner.

The Easter weekend brings some of our part-time residents to old family homes and camps. Driveways were full of cars as family members gathered to celebrate the arrival of spring and mark the Resurrection of Jesus at the church they attended growing up in Andover. Several of us, me included, journeyed out to Bethel for a delicious Easter dinner at S.S. Milton.

The Sno-Valley Sno-Gosers met on Saturday evening at the club house to elect officers and share a potluck meal. Officers for 2012-13 were elected. Richard Merrill, Sr., continues as president while Barry Martin is vice president and Wendy Martin treasurer.

The Food Pantry is still looking for donations to stock its shelves. Items can be left at the Little Red Hen, or at either church. The pantry is in need of canned items, especially tuna fish, ham, chicken, etc. Anything a family could make a meal out of would be appreciated. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

The Andover Olde Home Day Committee met on Monday evening at Vickie and Marshall Meisner's home. The group is deliberating over various theme ideas for the 2012 event to take place Aug. 3, 4, and 5. Although there were several ideas, none of them seemed to have an aha moment. It was agreed to think about the ones offered over the next month and at the next meeting on May 7, same location, a decision will be made so the buttons and tee shirts may be printed and available for sale. Any member of the community interested in being part of this planning is invited to join the committee or offer suggestions.

There is not much news around town as everyone



BLOWING OUT THE BIRTHDAY CANDLE
Mario the parrot, 23, of Bethel, celebrates his birthday each year by flying over his cake to create a draft with his wings, blowing out the candle. His humans, Joe and Lynn Arizzi, didn't have other candles available this year so they used a "4." (Photo: J. Arizzi)

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Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Selectmen signed a bunch of papers and set a few dates recently. As dull as that sounds, these actions could have ramifications for a number of us.

They signed the Oxford County Assessors' report, and it is not known whether or not our property taxes will go up this year. Town Manager Kim Sparks said they hope to keep taxes at the same mill rate, but it all depends on what the school budget is.

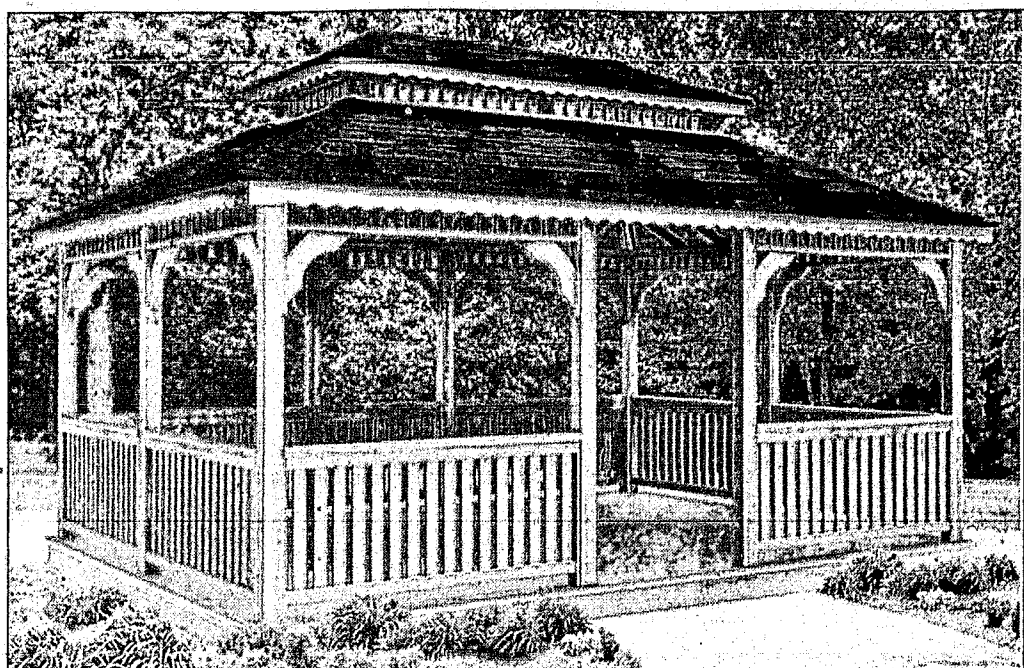
Speaking of budgets, there will be a public hearing on Greenwood's proposed budget May 1 (Tuesday), 5:30, at the town office. For those interested, copies of the budget are available at the town office.

Selectmen also signed up for two programs which might benefit us little folks. The first is the PACE ordinance through Efficiency Maine which will allow people to apply for low-interest loans for energy conservation.

The second program is the Oxford County Hazard Mitigation program which would let the town apply for FEMA funds to fix roads that continually wash out. These funds would be enough to allow a permanent fix instead of a patch job. Raising the height of the Greenwood Road at the Round Pond causeway made for a permanent fix to the regular flooding and is an example of such a project.

Wonder if we could get the rest of the Greenwood Road fixed along South Pond? Sparks said the next road repair bond will be voted on in three years and, at this time, that bond will be for repair to Richardson Hollow Road. The Greenwood Road would be about five years after that. That is, unless the Greenwood voters urged the selectmen to move the highly traveled Greenwood Road ahead in priority. Okay, I know I have a personal stake in this, but just saying! A new ordinance was signed that will require all new construction to have an electrical cut-off switch installed outside the building. In case of fire, this would help keep fire fighters safe from electrocution.

This week's signs of spring include trailing arbutus (mayflowers) beginning to open. What a good smell they have! On sunny days, the painted turtles are coming out to sun themselves on floating logs. Coltsfoot is in bloom.



GAZEBO FOR BRYANT POND PARK-An anonymous family that Town Manager Vern Maxfield says has "deep ties to the town" is donating a gazebo to be placed in Woodstock's Remembrance Park, which is located next to the Bryant Pond Post Office. The 10-foot by 12-foot cedar rectangular, double-roof structure is manufactured by Gazebo Creations of Pennsylvania. It will be placed at the flagpole end of the park.

(Photo courtesy Gazebo Creations)

They look like small dandelions and often grow in ditches along sunny roadsides. And, the deer are showing up. Barbara Wakefield recently had two whitetails in her yard.

History buffs and scrapbookers take note. The Locke's Mills Union Church is beginning a project of collecting, dating, and labeling old photos from the church. The photos will then be scrapbooked. Anyone interested can meet at the church this Saturday at 9 a.m. All are welcome regardless of church membership. The more the merrier. If you want more information, call Charlotte Marshall at 875-2589.

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Area musicians are coming together for a benefit to help fellow musician Donnie Katlin this Sunday. Katlin suffered a major heart attack last year. The performance will be Sunday, April 15, 2:30, at Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium, Bethel. While it is free, donations can be made to help Katlin with medical expenses.

You can send me news at 3taichi6@gmail.com

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Harley and Henrietta Mo-

April showers bring May flowers! What about April snow flurries? Well

ses' daffodils are blooming and keep on giving even after they are gone and only in our hearts.

I hope everyone had a great Easter Holiday, despite the gloomy weather. We had a wonderful Easter with the family; my mother put on a great dinner and we had a fun scavenger hunt that my siblings put on for the kids. The kids all received new bikes for Easter, so they have been enjoying their new rides. I bought myself my own Easter gift, a Hoyt compound bow that I'm impatiently waiting to practice with. I'm not sure but with what I've noticed for wildlife actions I figure it's going to be another challenging turkey season this year, for the toms are already flocking up with the hens and mating which in return makes it harder to attract them in by calling them since they are already being occupied. However, we do have our sights on a couple of nice toms that are going to be beautiful mounts on my wall comes junior day! The boys had their best

friend over for three days and two nights this last week which was a blast. They did a lot of fishing and caught a couple of nice brook trout that I fried up and they devoured!

My grandfather has apparently slept too close to the crack and caught a cold! So we are helping him out milking day and night. I forget how much I really enjoy seeing the sun rise! Naturally I'm a night person so I stay up all night and sleep in the morning hours which is really odd, but when milking you have to stick to a more demanding schedule. So I get to see the sun rise and I fall asleep right after my night shows.

It's now time we start spreading manure on the fields, so if you smell a stink it's most certainly coming from Greenwood City. It's a nice circle of natural wonder the animals eat the hay from the fields and produce the nutrients that flourish the fields to produce the feed once again. So as smelly as it may seem it is a nec-

essary ingredient to the growth of the grass. It is a much better alternative than man-made chemicals.

My thought for the week is: Believe in yourself and all that you are, know that there is something inside you that is greater than any life's obstacles, when you think you have come to the end of your rope, tie a knot on the end, grab on to it, and hold on for the swing of life has its ups and downs, and the climb is just one obstacle that can bring you to new heights.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is the middle of April. I keep thinking of the Chaucer work. In any case, April is one of my favorite months because it is usually somewhat warm and sunny with No or Few bugs. Even though ticks and mosquitoes have been spotted, black flies are not around yet, or at least not in my neighborhood. Of course, that may change by the time you read this, but for now, we are relatively bug free. That is to the positive. The weather, though somewhat dry, has allowed for some outside work. For now, I am still waiting to begin stacking wood, but no one else is ready. Maybe we can get a work party going, but there aren't too many around to invite. In the past, I felt capable of beginning and if necessary finishing it by myself. I guess I have gotten lazy or spoiled in my old age. Soon it will be done, I hope.

Friend Jim is up from Massachusetts and we are enjoying his visit. He and David go way back all the way to high school. Amazing that he can keep track of old friends like that. I

can find no one that I have known more than 30-40 years. It is harder for women because they change their names when they get married. I always thought that a stupid idea, and now I am convinced of it. It is hard to track people when they change their names. But each to her own. For some it is important.

Mountain Poets met this past Sunday. We had a good group and talked some about the upcoming Poets on The Porch that will occur at the Norway Arts Festival in July. This year we will read on Thursday night in the Norway Library. Will look forward to it.

This month being April is National Poetry Month. Write a poem, or read some and take your favorite poet friend to lunch or supper. Enjoy poetry on National Public Radio this month.

This Thursday, 4-12-12, ACA (Adult Children From Alcohol or Dysfunctional Families) will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library on Route 37 in Waterford across from the Commons. It is a discussion group. FMI please call 739-9115.

Monday, April 16, is the third Monday and the knitting group will meet at 2 p.m. at the Waterford Library. All levels of knitters are welcome. FMI please call 583-2050.

April 12 to May 31, attend Walking for the Health of It at 4:30 p.m. at Maine Health Learning Resource Center at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Meet at the trail at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. FMI and to register please call 866-609-5183.

Friday, April 13, at 7 p.m. attend a production of Virginia Monologues at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Tickets at \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door; students and seniors are \$10. FMI call REACH at 743-9777.



LOCAL LEGION AUXILIARIES CONTRIBUTE KAYAKS TO KIDS' PROGRAM-The American Legion Auxiliary's Children and Youth program works with the American Legion to direct and sponsor programs that provide care and protection for the nation's children, especially those of our military and veterans. This year the Auxiliary chose to raise money to purchase kayaks for the Maine National Guard Kids Program. This program has just completed its 12th year, serving 164 military children and 45 military teens who served as junior counselors in its two week-long residential camps located at Bog Brook Military Training Site in Gilead. The kayaks, in addition to being used during the camps, will be available to the Operation Military Kids program as well as special Family Day events sponsored by members of various Military Units. Jackson-Silver Post 68 of Locke Mills contributed the first kayak, and Mundt-Allen Post 81 later contributed two. In these photos Jeri Greenwell accepts checks for the program from (left photo) Bob McCartney of Mundt-Allen, and (right) Wayne Hakala of Jackson-Silver.

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That is all for this week. Enjoy the spring musical chairs weather. Stay warm and dry.

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By ALICE HOYT



Thursday, April 12 (today) is the library program at Whitman Memorial Library at 2 p.m. Mike Daniels, editor of The Bethel Citizen is guest speaker. The public is invited at no charge and there will be light refreshments.

Franklin Grange 124 met Monday evening, April 1, for a regular meeting. The date was changed for the Hee Haw Show to May 19. The Mock Hee Haw Show on Saturday, May 19, will be dedicated to the memory of Ginger Mae, who passed away in March. It was reported Pomona Grange would meet the next evening at the hall. The charter was draped in memory of Brother Richard Cole and Sister Elizabeth Whitman. Date for inspection and instruction was discussed. It was reported that work on the bathroom will begin soon. Next meeting will be Monday, April 16.

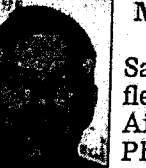
Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30. The week of April 22 to 25 is Revival Services. Sunday, April 29, is a special service led by the Youth at 4 p.m. Other churches will be joining in this service. Larry Billings encourages people to visit him to discuss culture, famous people he has met, genealogy, literature or history. He also enjoys music and art.

The Historical Society will meet at the Museum on Saturday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met Thursday, April 5, at the fire station for a meeting with dinner by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A delicious ham dinner was held, as was a bag auction. Next meeting is at Locke Mills Church on May 3.

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By RICHARD GROVER



More Wild Weasel Sam and I flew to Clark Air Base, Philippines on a Monday afternoon. I think, planning to join the first available jungle survival class there. We found that a class had started that morning, and they would not let us join that class, because we had missed too much valuable material. We would have to wait until the next class, scheduled to begin the following Monday! That meant that we would have to hang out at Clark for a whole week. Not wanting to waste a week on base, we found out that the Air Force had a "recreation base" near the village of Baguio in the mountains some distance from Clark. There happened to be an Air Force bus leaving next morning for Hay Air Force Base, near Baguio, and we could ride the bus there and return the next Sunday in time to begin our survival training on Monday.

I found the bus ride fascinating and enjoyed an alien countryside like something I had only read about in National Geographic magazines. There were rice paddies being cultivated by Philipinos using carabaos (water buffalo). There were native huts with straw roofs on stilts with chickens and pigs foraging for food on the ground beneath. After an hour or two, the roadway began climbing into the foothills, where there were scenes of "slash and burn" agriculture, where the jungle foliage and trees were burned to clear land for farming. As we ascended higher, there were rice paddy terraces stair stepping up the sides of the mountains, almost as far as the eye could see. The roadway wound snakelike ever higher and higher into the mountains, eventually leaving the rice paddies behind and entered an area of rugged forested mountains, valleys and small villages.

We finally entered Hay Air Base and found a beautiful landscaped Shangri-la, with quaint Spanish style buildings and a well manicured golf course whose fairways flowed over and around the lovely green hillsides. The area had apparently been built as a retreat for wealthy Spanish families while Spain had treated the Philipinos as a colony. It was a welcome cool relief from the heat of the lowlands. After getting checked into our room, Sam and I walked the short distance into the village of Baguio. There we found lots of small shops selling all sorts of crafts and unique "doo-dads." The most popular seemed to be items carved from a very dark brown wood, perhaps teak. In the 1960's large wooden forks and spoons were popular, at least among military families, who liked to hang them on the walls of their dining rooms. I purchased a wooden fork and spoon about 3 feet high for my wife. We moved them from house to house over the years until I lost track of them. The artisans in Baguio were skilled in creating items popular with Americans: carved wooden items of every sort, like bowls, statues, animals and sex objects. Sam also found out about a catholic school where

nuns and students made jewelry out of spun silver. I purchased a spun silver brooch for my mother, earrings for my wife and a necklace for my "big" sister, 21 years my senior. We eventually got tired of wandering around this quaint village and were quite glad to get back on the bus and head for Clark Air Base.

The jungle survival course was nothing like the Air Force survival school I had attended at Stead AFB, Nevada in 1961. Unlike Stead, the Clark school fed us all that we wanted to eat because they wanted to keep our strength up for combat. The instructors were proud of their record and boasted that one of their students had been shot down in the jungles of Vietnam less than 24 hours after he graduated from their survival school.

They concentrated in teaching us what we needed to know to survive. One of the first things was that aircrews reported that they were very thirsty when they were first shot down, "dry mouth syndrome," they called it. We were encouraged to include a couple pints of fresh water in our survival vests, which all aircrew members wore in combat. We learned about some of the more poisonous snakes in Southeast Asia, some of the edible plants, and one incredible jungle tree that was a reliable source of fresh water. This is a very large type of tree with large leaves and thick bark. We were told to slash a "v" into the bark, which would let the water run out (sort of like sap from a maple tree). Catch some water in any available container (which might be a piece of parachute cloth) and drink it. One caution; Let the water flow for a few minutes. Drink it too soon after slashing the bark, and it gives you the sensation that you need to urinate! I confirmed this personally, when we tapped our "water tree" during our practical part of the course. The water tasted good, but the after effects were uncomfortable for a while.

After three days of classroom instruction, we

were taken into the jungle for practical experience taught by Negritos, who actually lived there. Negritos are native Philipinos of diminutive stature who still live in the jungle and are feared by many other Philipinos. Our instructor, a barefoot older man, showed us many things, like how to start a fire with a bow, a sharpened stick and some tinder. He cooked rice in a length of bamboo with the open end plugged with banana leaves, and he identified and tapped a "water tree" for us.

After two days of "practical," we were led to a high open grass covered plateau which was fringed with trees and which dropped off precipitously into deep canyons on two sides. Here, we were given a box of rations and three "chits," pieces of paper which were each good for 25 pounds of rice for any Negrito who caught an American pilot. We could see a few huts a few hundred yards upslope from where we were released. We were told we would be given two hours to disappear and try to evade capture by the Negrito men. We were also told that there were probably Negrito children in the area who would try to follow us and report to the adults. This was considered fair because a similar situation would be likely if you were shot down in enemy territory.

I teamed up with another fellow who appeared to be a good evader. We headed to the trees along the top of the ravine, finally finding the perfect hiding place. It was a densely foliated place under the trees with a nice open clearing out of site of the plateau. We watched as a couple Negrito boys peeked into our hiding place, snickered, and ran to tell "papa."

After the kids disappeared, we moved on to a path leading down the steep slope into the ravine. We found the path eroded and covered with

enough rocks to hide our footprints. We split up and each found a secluded cut in the bank beside the path where we could retreat far enough to get out of site. We heard searchers during the night, but they didn't find us! At 6 a.m. next morning we were picked up by our "rescue" helicopter.

Civil Air Patrol S&R exercise planned in Bethel

Weather permitting, on the 21st of April the Bethel Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be conducting a Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) at the Bethel Regional Airport. We will be practicing various scenarios training air crews and ground crews.

Along with searching for a practice Emergency Locator Beacon from the air and directing ground crews to locate a possible "find," crews will practice airborne photography.

There will be six red, white and blue Civil Air Patrol aircraft plus approximately 30 personnel beginning at 8 o'clock until approximately 3 o'clock in the afternoon. These exercises are conducted on a monthly basis at different locations in Maine and throughout the country. The members utilize training that they constantly work toward improving during these training exercises.

If anyone has any interest to know more about the Civil Air Patrol, please call Captain Gary Brearley, Bethel/Rumford squadron commander: 836-2534.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a non-profit organization with more than 61,000 members nationwide, operating a fleet of 550 aircraft. CAP,

in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited with saving 54 lives in fiscal year 2011. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to nearly 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP received the World Peace Prize in 2011 and has been performing missions for America for 70 years. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans. Visit www.govcivilairpatrol.com or www.capvolunteernow.com

WMSC presentation on addiction

"Understanding Addiction and Its Impact on Our Friends, Families and Community" is the topic of a program to be presented by Tom Farrington, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at The Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) offers this program to respond to the 2011 County Health Ratings which rated Oxford County higher than average in several areas, among them smoking rates and excessive drinking.

Farrington is dedicated to the field of substance abuse recovery and to helping families heal from the devastation of addiction. He will give a gener-

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STORY HOUR AT THE LIBRARY-A story hour takes place each Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the Bethel Library. Participating mothers take turns reading to the group of children. The group is shown here last Thursday.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252 - a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 18, 2012, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal for Kowloon Village Chinese Restaurant located at 190 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT GAME DO LAMBS LIKE TO PLAY?

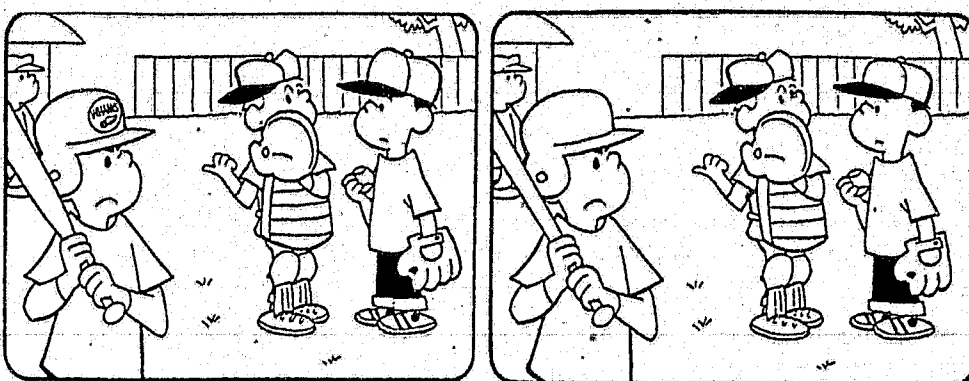
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.puzzles4kids.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Fence is shorter. 2. Cap logo is missing. 3. Bat is thinner. 4. Chest protector is smaller. 5. Cap is smaller. 6. Glove is different.

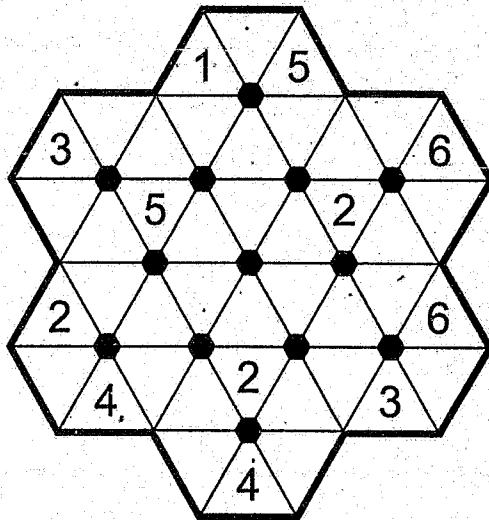
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

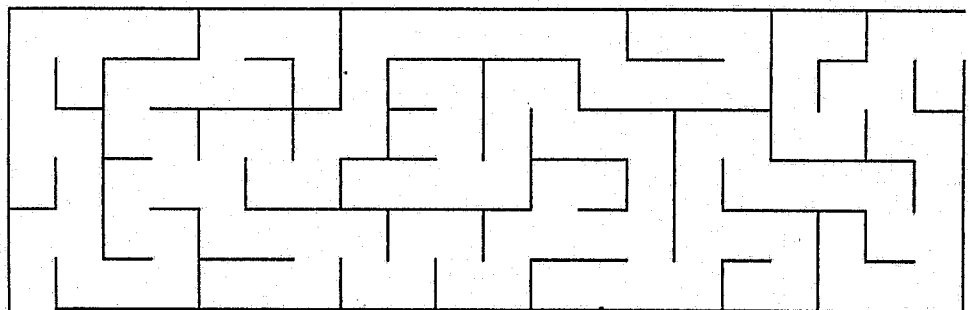


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze



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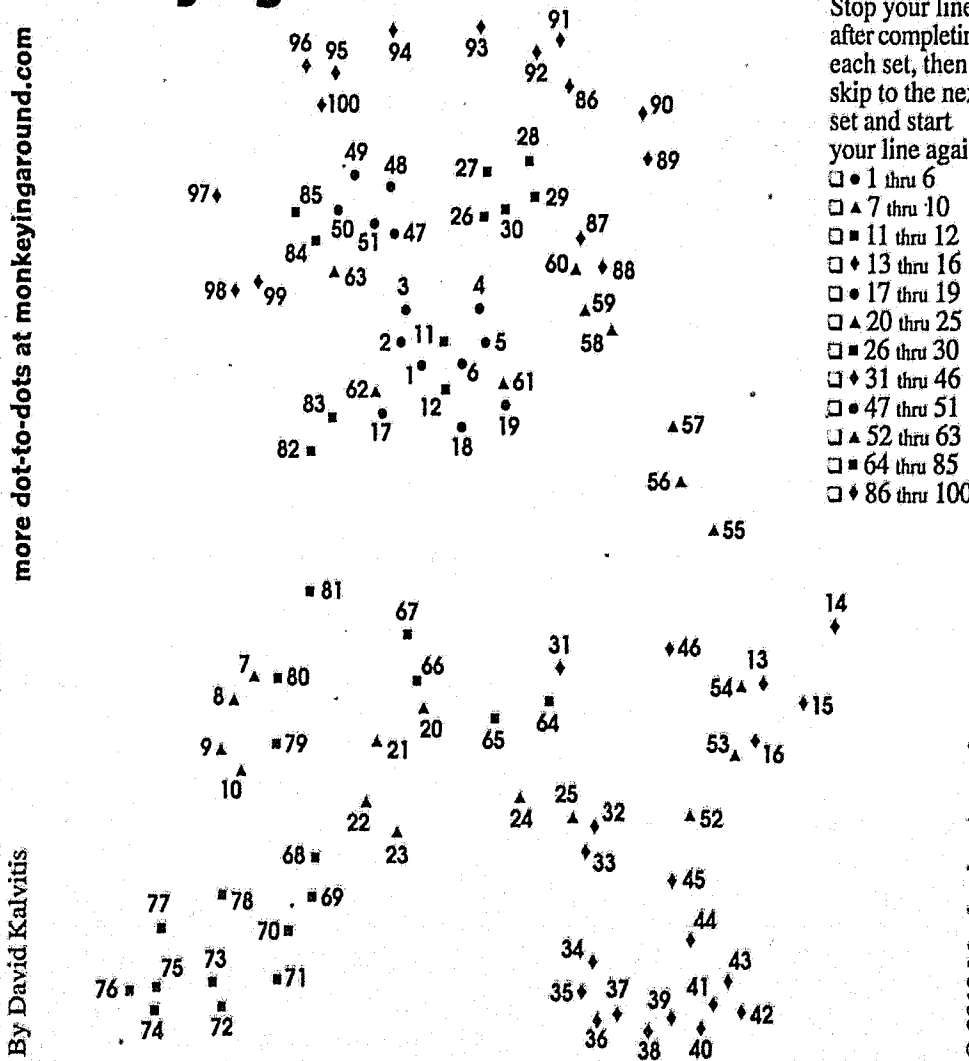
Super Crossword

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

- ACROSS
- 1 "Dracula" prop
 - 6 — mignon
 - 11 Roast beef au —
 - 14 Enjoy the Alps
 - 17 Tropical treat
 - 19 Classical hunk?
 - 21 A Turner
 - 22 Another Turner
 - 23 Tosted the line
 - 24 Start of a remark by
 - 27 Prom wear
 - 28 Idle
 - 30 Fury
 - 31 "Garfield" cartoonist
 - 32 Shalit or Siskel
 - 33 Ned of "Deliverance"
 - 37 Stir up
 - 38 Speaker of remark
 - 41 Carrey title
 - 42 Windmill part
 - 43 Violinist
 - 44 Singer
 - 45 Cabbage concoction
 - 49 Aquatic animal
- DOWN
- 51 Bodybuilder Charles
 - 52 "— Show" ('94 film)
 - 53 Private pension
 - 54 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
 - 55 Restive
 - 57 Trumpeter
 - 58 Explorer
 - 59 '68 Tom Jones hit
 - 61 Shatter
 - 63 — suit
 - 64 Part 2 of remark
 - 69 Raid
 - 71 Sinuous dances
 - 72 Jihad
 - 75 Verve
 - 76 Posada of baseball
 - 78 Thin porridge
 - 80 Thurman of "The Avengers"
 - 81 Deighton or Dawson
 - 82 Blows away
 - 83 Isaac's mom
 - 85 Remove varnish
 - 87 Lug
 - 89 Morning moisture
 - 90 Comic Sherman
- 11 "It a Pity?" ('70 song)
- 92 Got older
- 94 Part 3 of remark
- 98 Yearned
- 101 Titania's hubby
- 103 "Java" man?
- 104 Tom of "Adam's Rib"
- 105 Woody herb
- 106 Win
- 107 Down, "Chocolat" actress
- 107 Kimono closer
- 110 End of remark
- 116 Like some recordings
- 118 Out — limb
- 119 Gumshoe
- 120 Update a story
- 121 Ida of "The Sea Wolf"
- 122 Fashion monogram
- 123 Symbol of sturdiness
- 124 "Jane Eyre" character
- 125 Murcia misler
- 4 Kyser or Starr
- 5 Ornamental opening
- 6 Comic Joey
- 7 Wedding words
- 8 "Hulk"
- 9 Ferrigno
- 9 SASE, e.g.
- 10 Mowry of "Sister, Sister"
- 11 Be in accord
- 12 Luau instrument
- 13 Rarely change?
- 14 Martin or McQueen
- 15 Actor Sorbo
- 16 What i.e. stands for
- 18 Hersey setting
- 20 Tizzy
- 25 Strive
- 26 Whittier's feet
- 29 Buddhist movement
- 32 Merriment
- 33 Beer
- 34 Humorous storage?
- 34 Humorist
- 35 Cry of concern
- 36 Dress size
- 37 Like a peach
- 38 Photo finish
- 39 Narrow-minded
- 40 One of the Marches
- 41 Rub out
- 42 Nullify
- 44 Swindle
- 46 Sausage type
- 47 Precinct
- 48 Lack
- 50 Bendix role
- 51 "— Breaky Heart" ('92 hit)
- 52 Wharf
- 56 Prepare to feather?
- 57 Sawks
- 58 Fluctuate
- 60 Tenor
- 61 Kozlovsky
- 61 Peevishness
- 62 Genetic info
- 63 Vends
- 65 Flung
- 66 Warm embraces
- 67 "No dice!"
- 68 Farm tool
- 69 Crafter's cloth
- 70 Toast
- 73 — top
- 73 — aid
- 74 All ears
- 76 Too experienced
- 77 Had bills
- 78 Bit of a beach
- 79 Be bombastic
- 83 Disparage
- 84 Palo —, CA
- 86 Cast
- 88 Scout rank
- 90 Presidential nickname
- 93 Trattoria
- 95 Heifer or hen
- 96 Last
- 97 Telescope
- 98 Browne's Mr.
- 99 "Hee Haw" host
- 100 Mount Everest's locale
- 101 Absent
- 102 Grumpy guy
- 105 Singer
- 106 Alzado of football
- 107 See 106
- 108 Pro — (free)
- 109 Perpetual lab
- 111 Soho snack
- 112 PBS benefactor
- 113 Accounting abbr.
- 114 Tiny
- 115 "— of You" ('84 hit)
- 117 "Tarzan" extra

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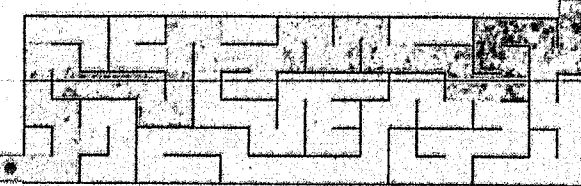


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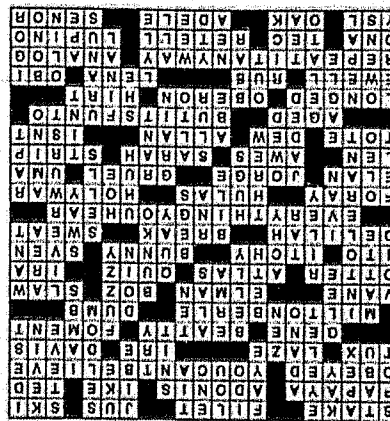
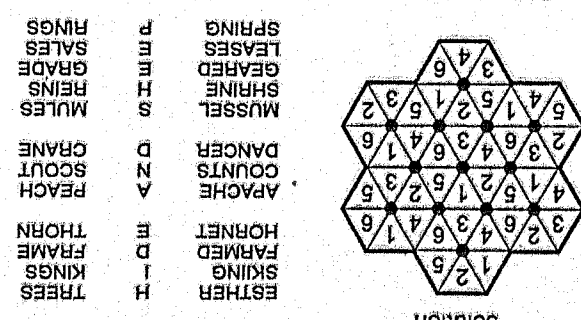
Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- 1 thru 6
- 7 thru 10
- 11 thru 12
- 13 thru 16
- 17 thru 19
- 20 thru 25
- 26 thru 30
- 31 thru 46
- 47 thru 51
- 52 thru 63
- 64 thru 85
- 86 thru 100

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Kids' Maze Solution



Super Crossword

Scramblers:
1. Flower 2. Curly 3. Tough 4. Tumble

ANSWERS:

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solution

Answer

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al overview on the types of addiction and discuss treatments that can help individuals, families and communities recover. He will also cover how addiction affects the brain and how a person's environment can contribute to their addictive behavior.

Participants will have an opportunity to make suggestions for specific addiction-related programs of interest that may be offered in the future. A local support and treatment resource table will be available.

Farrington of Crooked River Counseling in South Paris has experience as a Residential Advisor and Behavioral Health Professional. He is currently studying Mental Health and Human Services with a concentration in Substance Abuse at the University of Maine at Augusta.

WMSC sponsors To Your Health as a community service with the collaboration of the Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. MaineHealth Learning Resource Center also collaborated on this program. WMSC, with the motto "Ten Years and Still Learning," is celebrating its tenth anniversary of bringing learning resources to its membership. To Your Health has been offering health information of concern to the community for six of these years. All To Your Health programs are open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

Oxford County Democrats meet

The Oxford County Democrats met on March 18 at the Crescent Park School in Bethel. Sam Spencer, Maine's Democratic Na-

tional Committeeman, spoke to the group, highlighting the upcoming state and national conventions, and the accomplishments of President Obama. Elected officials and candidates in attendance were Roy Gedat, Oxford County Treasurer; Patricia Shearman, Register of Deeds; Senator John Patrick of Rumford; Rep. Matt Peterson of Rumford; Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico; Dennise Whitley of Norway, candidate for Senate District 13; Mike Broderick of Bethel, candidate for House District 91; Jane Rich of Andover, candidate for County Commissioner District 2; Charleen Chase of Bethel, candidate for County Commissioner District 1; and Carol Gutekunst of Norway, candidate for Register of Probate. County Chair Cathy Newell announced that anyone interested in being named to fill open convention delegate slots should contact her, and slots will be filled in April. The Convention is on June 1, 2 and 3 in Augusta. The meeting produced several boxes of food items for donation to local food pantries.

The Democratic House caucus held a fundraiser on March 25 at the home of Anne and David Stanley on Paris Hill, honoring Rep. Terry Hayes of Buckfield, and House candidates Mike Broderick of Bethel and Mary Lou St. John of Norway.

A number of Oxford County Democrats were among the 1,700 people who attended the event featuring President Barack Obama at Southern Maine Community College on March 30. Spotted in the crowd were Dennis and Marcy Gray of Norway, Skipp and Judy Green of Waterford, Mike Broderick of Bethel and Loraine Duclos of Greenwood. Pictures are posted on the Facebook page, Oxford County ME Democrats.

A very successful fundraising reception for Congressman Mike Michaud's re-election campaign was held on April 2 at Boomers Restaurant in Norway with more than 30 attending. The Congressman offered remarks and took questions on topics ranging from his New Balance visit and the presentation of New Balance shoes to President Obama, followed by discussions relating to the Department of Defense policies and trade agreements impacting footwear manufacturing, to the Affordable Care Act, and the recent Vietnam Veterans event in Rumford. Roy Gedat introduced local candidates present and pizza was enjoyed by all.

Oxford County Democratic Candidates were successful in securing the required signatures to qualify for the June primary ballot. The legislative candidates seeking Maine Clean Elections funding are finishing up the collection of their \$5 qualifying contributions due on April 20. Legislative candidates are Senator John Patrick, District 14; Dennise Whitley for Senate District 13; Mike Broderick, House District 91; Rep. Matt Peterson, District 92; Rep. Sheryl Briggs, District 93; Rep. Terry Hayes, District 94; Mary Lou St. John, House District 95; Larry Sirois, House District 96; Rep. Helen Rankin, House District 97; Lisa Villa, House District 98; Debra Black, House District 99; and Colin O'Neill, House District 100. County candidates are Jane Rich and Charleen Chase, candidates for County Commissioner seats on the ballot, and Carol Gutekunst for Register of Probate.

For information about the Oxford County Democrats visit www.oxforddems.org or on Facebook, Oxford County ME Democrats, or call County Chair Cathy Newell, 875-2116.

BPAP dinner theater

Bethel Community Players are excited about their murder mystery dinner theater play, "The Butler Did It," by Tim Kelly, which takes place at The Bethel Inn Resort on Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12.

Doors open both nights at 5:30 p.m. with a "Welcome to Ravenswood Manor" social in The Gibson Room, and the first act starts promptly at 6:20 p.m. Dinner will be served after the first act with beverages served between several brief intermissions.

"The Inn provides the perfect resort setting for the play," said Brad Jerome, director of Sales and Marketing for The Bethel Inn Resort.

"Dinner guests will feel part of the performance upon arrival in our Gibson Room and will be treated to a great theater and buffet dinner in our country elegant Main Dining Room."

The Bethel Inn Resort enjoyed a very extensive dinner theater performance series during the mid-'80s, and Brad said it's exciting to continue the tradition of dinner theater at The Inn. He added, "We look forward to developing more performances with the Bethel Community Players and welcoming the community to enjoy and support our performing friends and neighbors."

Seating for the dinner theater will be limited to 80 each night. Tickets are \$29 each, and are on sale at any of the play's sponsors, The Bethel Inn Resort, Timberlake's Home Store on Route 2, and Ruthie's Boutique on Main Street. For more information, contact Ross Timberlake at 824-6545 or e-mail: ross@stimmerlake.com

History symposium at BHS

A reminder the Bethel Historical Society will hold its Annual History Symposium Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the South Dining Room of the Bethel Inn. The theme of this year's free event is "Don't Let the Truth Get in the Way of a Good Story: Myths, Lies and Other Traditions of Local and Regional History." Several speakers will draw attention to a number of well-known historical myths and legends, including many associated with western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire.

To set the scene, the first presentation will describe some of the reasons false historical beliefs have been so essential to America's cultural past.

From Washington chopping down the cherry tree, to the notion that all slave-owning states joined the Confederacy, stories of our past are fraught with hallowed myths and misconceptions for which there is no credible evidence. In examining the importance and frequency of legends and myths in this region's history, several specific subjects will be offered as examples, including the life of the Indian "Princess" Molly Ockett, the famous "Moon Tide Spring" on Mount Zircon near Rumford, and such well-known White Mountain stories as the Great Carbuncle, the Willey Slide and the "Great Stone Face."

Finally, attention will be focused on several cherished myths and falsehoods connected with the history of Bethel itself, from the meaning behind Bethel's early name of "Sudbury Canada" to the present-day localities known as "Robinson Hill"

and "Middle Intervale Road" (neither of which actually exists), a collection of enduring local traditions will be explored.

St. Never's Day Sale

The annual St. Never's Day Sale will take place May 26, and the society is seeking donations of furniture, household goods, dishes, tools, etc., in good condition. All proceeds benefit the society's general operations.

Please, no used computer equipment, tires, clothing, etc. Items in good condition may be dropped off at any time on the back porch of the society's O'Neil Robinson House at 10 Broad Street, or on Stan Howe's side porch at 18 Broad Street (directly across from the Bethel Inn).

To make arrangements to have your items picked up, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org.

A limited number of rental tables for individuals or organizations will be available at \$20 each and may be reserved by calling the above numbers. This year's sale will be held under a large tent at the corner of Mason and Broad streets, Bethel, rain or shine.

Honor roll

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Third Quarter 2011-2012 honor roll students for Andover Elementary School are Angela Cintron and Perry Morton.

HEBRON ACADEMY

Samuel R. Wheeler has made honor roll at Hebron Academy for the second trimester in a row. In order to make the honor roll students must maintain an average of "B" or better and show an exemplary attitude. He is the son of Andrew and Donna Wheeler of Greenwood.

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Thursdays thru April 19

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford.

Tuesdays thru May 1

1 to 3:30 p.m. - **Living Well for a Better Health** at Boardroom, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Cost: \$10 per person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/Registration: (866) 609-5183.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, thru June 30

"My Picture Book," exhibit by local artist Sheridan "Mac" McLaughlin at West Paris Public Library. Sheridan will give a talk on April 19, 6:30 p.m. at the library. Displayed artwork spans 43 years. Library open 1 to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 674-2004.

Thursday, April 12

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Michael Daniels, editor of The Bethel Citizen. Public invited. No Charge. Light refreshments.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Artwork by all Crescent Park School students on display**. Grades 4-5 concert 6 p.m.

April 12 to May 31

4:30 p.m. - **Walking for the Health of It**, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Meet at Riverside Trail at Oxford Hills Middle School (100 Pine Street), South Paris. Free. Pre-registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Friday, April 13

6 p.m. **Alder River Grange Potluck Supper** followed by meeting at 7 p.m. Meeting at the Grange Hall.

7 p.m. - "The Vagina Monologues" production at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Cost: \$10 advance/\$12 door. Students and seniors \$10. Tickets available Books N Things, 430 Main Street, Norway; Ruby Slippers, 103 Norway Road, Harrison; Bridgton Books, 140 Main Street, Bridgton; Spice and Gran, 17 Portland Street, Fryeburg; or at REACH office, 1 East Main Street, South Paris. FMI: REACH 743-9777.

Saturday, April 14

7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **ATV Safety Course**, sponsored by Roxbury ATV Riders. Roxbury Town Office, 1095 Roxbury Road. Mandatory for any child age 10 to under 16. Child must be accompanied by adult or guardian. Free. Lunch provided. FMI/sign up: Mike Worthley (545-2715) or Roland Patneaud 562-0949.

8 a.m. - **Volunteer Day** in Hanover. Meet at Hanover Town Office. Rakes and shovels needed.

9 a.m. - **Scrapbooking**, Locke Mills Union Church (volunteers may come for any period after 9). Group will go through old photos from the church, and label, date and place them in new scrapbooks. Project will continue afterward on second Saturdays of the month.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Yard Sale** (24 tables) American Legion Post 72, Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter open. 50/50 tickets.

9:30 a.m. - **Maine Wildlife Park**, Route 26, Gray opens for season. FMI: 657-4977 or www.mainewildlifepark.com or Facebook.

10 to 3 p.m. - **Job Fair** hosted by Oxford Casino at Poland Spring Inn and Resort, Route 26. Job openings listed at www.OxfordCasino.com.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Bethel Historical Society Annual History Symposium** in South Dining Room, Bethel Inn: "Don't Let the Truth Get in the Way of a Good Story: Myths, Lies and Other Traditions of Local and Regional History." FMI: 824-2908, (800) 824-2910 or info@bethelhistorical.org.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club**, South Paris and Friendship Squares, Wilton present square and round dancing at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Refreshments, door prizes, Pot O' Gold drawing. Admission: \$6. Non dancers welcome no charge. FMI: 782-4050 or www.squaredanceclub.us/

Saturdays, April 14, 21 and 28

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Band** at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Cost: \$5.

Sunday, April 15

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center Performing Arts Series** presents Royal River Philharmonic Jazz Band. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

2:30 p.m. - **Benefit Concert for Donnie Katlin** at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Free admission. Donation container for those who wish to contribute toward expenses not covered by insurance. FMI: 824-2517.

Mondays, April 16, 23, 30

1 to 2:30 p.m. - **Shoestring Forums: Healthy Food on a Budget** April 2; Clothing - Thrifting is the New Cool April 9; Get a Hold on Household Expenses April 16; Transportation and Entertainment April 23; Community Resources Connections April 30 at Adult Learning Center, Telstar. Cost: \$5 each or five for \$20. Instructor: Kay Larson. Sponsored by SAD 44 Adult and Continuing Education. FMI/register: 824-2780.

Wednesday, April 18

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Understanding Addiction and Its Impact on Our Friends, Families and Community**, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College at Bethel Congregational Church, Church Street. Program presented by Tom Farrington, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. FMI: Rosabelle Tift 824-2053.

Wednesdays, April 18, 25, May 2 and 9

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Active Parenting**, six-week parenting group at Norway Savings Bank, 1 Park Street, Bethel. For parents of children 5 through 12. Cost: \$15. Scholarships and fee waivers available for qualifying families. FMI/Register: Tammy Beaulieu 739-6547 or Hallie Twomey 333-6425. Note: no childcare available.

Thursday, April 19

6 p.m. - **Community Supper**, Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road. Bring dish to share. FMI: 583-6677.

Saturday, April 21

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Bake Sale**, Bethel Foodliner for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund.

9 a.m. to 12 noon - **Indoor Yard Sale**, West Parish Congregational Church, UCC, Church Street, Bethel. Proceeds benefit The Smile Fund, which aids those in need of restorative dental work. Donations accepted April 18, 19 and 20.

9 a.m. - **Western Maine Chapter of SWOAM** meeting at Frost Hill solid Waste Facility. Session free

and open to public. Coffee/donuts available 8:30 a.m. FMI: Merle Ring 743-5976 evenings or Al Schaffer, Region 11 forestry instructor, 743-7756, Ext. 1213.

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting** at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Conservation awards. Cost of dinner at 6 p.m.: \$10. FMI/reservation: Jean Federico 743-5789, Ext. 111.

Sunday, April 22

All day - **Earth Day Celebration** in Norway. Day begins with work party at Alan Day Community Garden, 26 Whitman Street; celebration kicks off at noon behind Main Street's Fare Share Co-Op (music, food and more). Day culminates at First Universalist Church, Norway, with supper beginning 5 p.m. Earth Day Peace Concert begins 6:30 p.m. Admission to supper \$7 and \$5 for concert or \$10 for both supper and concert. FMI: 743-2828 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com.

1 p.m. - **Upton Historical Society meeting** at Upton House.

2 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center Performing Arts Series** presents Mango Groove Steel Drum Band: Celebrate Earth Day with Us! Tickets: \$12 adults, \$6 students. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or visit office at 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H.

7 to 11 p.m. - **Funky Spring Dance Chem-free**, Funky Red Barn, 19 Summer Street, Bethel. Grades 9-12 \$5 at door. DJ, raffles, open pool table, refreshments on sale.

Monday, April 23

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** for adults 19 and over at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. FMI: (800) 281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - **AARP Driver Safety Course** for drivers 50 and older at town office, 366 Valley Road, Waterford. One hour lunch break w/ lunch available. Fee: \$14, advance registration require: Mary Delorenzo (583-4490) or Tom Harvey (597-2331).

Wednesday, April 25

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Community Supper (no charge)**, Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Saturday, April 28

8 a.m. - **Camp Clean Up Day** at Bryant Pond 4H Camp. Bring friends, family, or students. Hearty lunch 12:30 p.m. provided by camp kitchen. Raking, brush removal, painting, gardening, firewood, moving canoes and kayaks. Bring special equipment or garden tools if possible. FMI: Ron Fournier 665-2068 or e-mail ronalfournier@maine.edu.

9 a.m. - **Meeting to form ATV club** in Upton. Anyone interested in being involved should attend. It is expected Mike Worthley, ATV Maine, Western Region VP, will attend to answer questions. FMI: Bob Pepler 533-2061.

Sunday, April 29

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust Outing** to Round Mountain, Albany, Larry Stifler and Mary McFadden property. Easy two-hour hike. Appropriate gear, water and snacks. Meet parking lot for Round Mountain 6.9 miles on Vernon Street (from Main Street, Bethel), bear left at stop sign, travel 1.2 miles on Hunt's Corner Road to turn-out and field on left. FMI: or if inclement weather 824-3806, e-mail info@mahoosuc.org or check www.mahoosuc.org for rescheduling.

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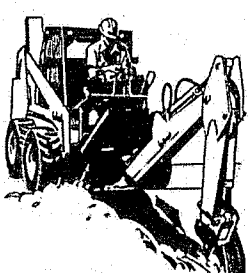
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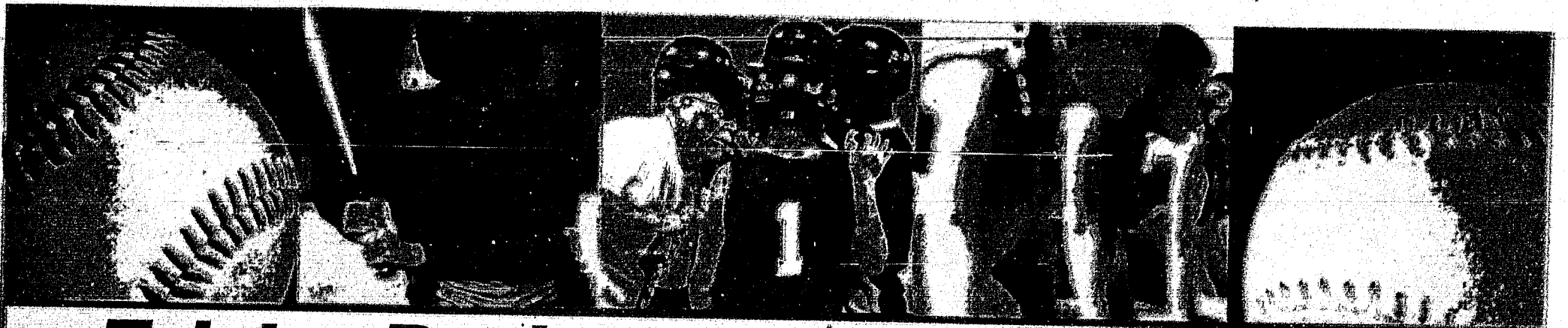
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VARSITY

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
12	Buckfield	Away	3:30
17	Poland	Away	12:00
18	Richmond	Away	12:00
25	Wiscasset	Away	4:30
27	Hall-Dale	Home	4:30
30	Mt. Abram	Away	4:30
May			
2	Carrabec	Home	4:30
4	Monmouth	Home	4:30
7	Spruce Mt (SB @Jay)	Away	4:30
9	Mt. Valley	Home	4:00
14	Mt. Valley	Away	4:00
16	St. Dom's	Away	4:30
18	Boothbay	Home	4:30
21	Lisbon	Away	4:30
23	Madison	Away	4:30
25	Winthrop	Home	4:30
30	Dirigo	Home	4:30
June			
4	MVC Championship	TBA	TBA
5	Prelim	TBA	TBA
7	Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
9	Semifinals	TBA	TBA
12	Regional Finals	TBA	TBA
16	State Championship	TBA	TBA

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TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
April			
12	Dirigo, Mt. Abram Carrabec, Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley Hosmer Field	3:45
24	Mt. Abram, Dirigo Lisbon, Mt. Valley	Telstar Track	3:45
May			
1	Carrabec, Madison Winthrop, Mt. Abram	Telstar Track	3:45
7	Mt. Valley, Dirigo Mt. Abram, Winthrop	Telstar Track	3:45
15	Carrabec, Hall-Dale Dirigo, Mt. Valley Boothbay, Mt. Abram	Madison	3:45
21	Last Chance Meet	Telstar	3:45
25	MVC Championship	Cony	1:00
June			
2	State Meet	Cony	
9	New Englands	Thornton Academy	

Telstar High School

JUNIOR VARSITY

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
April			
26	Wiscasset	Home	4:30
May			
1	Mt. Abram	Home	4:30
3	Carrabec (BB only)	Away	4:00
8	Spruce Mtn	Home	4:30
10	Mt. Valley	Away	4:00
15	Mt. Valley	Home	4:00
17	St. Dom's	Home	4:30
22	Lisbon	Home	4:30
24	Madison	Home	4:30
29	Mt. Abram	Away	4:30
31	Dirigo	Away	4:30

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VARSITY

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	TIME
May			
1	Spruce Mtn.	Away	3:30
2	Oxford Hills	Home	3:30
4	Buckfield	Away (@HS)	3:30
8	Mt. Valley	Home	3:30
11	Oxford Hills	Away	4:00
15	Buckfield	Home	3:30
17	Dirigo	Home	3:30
22	St. Dom's	Home	3:30
24	Mt. Valley	Away	3:30
		(@Mexico Rec Park)	
29	Carrabec	Away (@HS)	3:30

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TRACK and FIELD

DATE	TEAMS	PLACE	TIME
April			
25	Dirigo, Telstar Mt. Valley	Mt. Valley	3:30
May			
2	St.Doms, Telstar	Telstar Track	3:30
9	Telstar, St. Dom's Spruce Mtn.	Jay	3:30
16	Spruce Mtn., Dirigo Telstar	Telstar	3:30
23	Spruce Mtn., Dirigo Mtn. Valley, St. Dom's	Telstar	3:30

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Jodi S. Howard to Peter M. and Keiko Howard of Arlington, Mass., building and land at 469 Sunday River Road. \$22,000, Sept. 23, 2011.

BETHEL

Blue Sky Storage to Randall Kissel and Megan Ballard, unspecified commercial, 1.38 acres (map 8, lot 23, \$45,000).

Susan Harvey to Peter Hedden and Tracy Wilkerson of Bethel, land and building at 402 Flat Road. \$285,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Norway Savings Bank to Philip Dougherty of Bethel, unspecified at 347 West Bethel Road. \$50,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Farwell Mountain Estates to Millard Rose and Elizabeth Lacey, land (lot 9 Farwell Mountain Estates). \$40,000, Nov. 4, 2011.

Albert (Jr.) and Theresa Blackadar of Medford, unspecified (Map 11, lot 42). \$190,000, Nov. 9, 2011.

Stephanie Capps and Melissa Hawkins to Mark and Sara Oliver of Yarmouth, unspecified (map 1, block 51-2, lot 2), \$65,000, Nov. 10, 2012.

Mark Ivanov and Maria Vicens Ivanov, unspecified at 203 Walkers Mills Road. \$260,000, Nov. 11, 2011.

Spencer Ordway and Jennifer Landry to Benjamin and Kristen Otten of Bethel, land and building at 98 Paradise Road. \$230,000, Nov. 18, 2011.

William and Maureen Boland to Robert Currier of Bethel, land (lots 11 and 13, Sunday Valley Acres) \$66,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

Sally Bradley and Martha Farrington to Chad Fouke and Lesley Harte, land and building at 382 West Bethel Road. \$105,000, Nov. 23, 2011.

Michael and Julie Drapeau to David Lee and Thomas Bringola of Bethel, unspecified (map 12, lot 073, sub lot 31). \$335,000, Dec. 2, 2011.

Estate of Danny Kennagh to Russell and Brandon Palmer of Lexington, Ky, land and building at 202 Intervale Road. \$39,000, Dec. 6, 2011.

Andrea L. Hellman Trust to Nathan Crooker of South Portland, land and building at 837 North Road. \$145,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Dale Cheney to Kyle Snogren and Botsas Chrysovalantou of Bethel, land and building at 24 Chapman Street. \$200,600, Dec. 13, 2011.

Jason Forget to David and Eileen Dworz of Marblehead, Mass, land and building at 40-1 River Valley Acres Road. \$311,000 Dec. 21, 2011.

David North to Christopher Ball of North Yarmouth, land and building at 5 Locke View Drive. \$295,000, Dec. 23, 2011.

GREENWOOD

Anthony and Heather Cox to Kenneth and Carla DeDominici of Bridgewater, Mass. land and building at 45 Cross Road. \$20,000, Dec. 13, 2011.

William Newcome and Shirley Huff to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land at 10 Newcome Lane. \$165,000, Dec. 27, 2011.

Now Forestry to T.R. Dillon Logging, Inc of Madison land (map R7, lots 7,8,9; map R6, lot 9). \$605,000, Dec. 29, 2011.

Penley Timberlands to Lawrence Stifler and Mary McFadden of Brookline, Mass., land on Willis Mills Road and map 8, lot 40 and map 9, lots 7 and 9. \$1,100,000, Dec. 29, 2011

NEWRY

Mark and Jennifer Strickland to Dennis and Jode-Marie McCarthy of Saco, property at The Chamberlain. \$37,000, Sept. 29, 2011.

Sandra S. and David M. Summerson to Denise and Scott Robinson of Corning, N.Y., property at Fall Line Condominium. \$124,000, Dec. 1, 2011.

David A. and Debra A. Martin to John J. and Diane C. Dostal of Saco, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$11,000, Dec. 5, 2011.

Douglas P. Jr. and Sandra M. Webb to Paul J. and Jennifer V. Young of Exeter, N.H., timeshare at the Summit. \$10,000, Dec. 5, 2011.

Craig and Kleta Dudley to Russell R. and Lynne F. Barlow of Turner, condominium at 8 Sunrise Drive. \$120,000, Dec. 6, 2011.

Teri Lee Stevens and Margaret A. Hutchings to Julie M. Campbell of Saco, condominium at 97 Summit Drive. \$5,000, Dec. 12, 2011.

Tempest Development LLC to Louisa Greene Revocable Trust of Marblehead, Mass., property at 10 Parott Drive. \$675,000, Dec. 14, 2011.

Anthony and Alison Burnside to Michael Zaleski and Joy Rende of Jackson, N.J., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$16,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Gordon T. and Katherine M. Holmes to Debra J. Grondin of Poland, property at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$92,500, Dec. 20, 2011.

Keybank National Association to John M. and Donna Miller of Ashland, Mass., property at The Jordan Grand. \$8,925, Dec. 27, 2011.

WOODSTOCK

Town of Woodstock to Integrity Holdings of Bryant Pond, unspecified at 8 Railroad Street. \$28,501, Nov. 1, 2011.

Chynthia and Phyllis Winfield to Warren Hillquist of Brattleboro, Vt. unspecified (map 12, block 32, lot 32. \$58,000, Nov. 8, 2011.

Brad Kowalski and John Weber to Peter and Carrie Nicholson of Plymouth, Mass. Land, 1.20 acres, at 14 Mountain View Road. \$30,000, Nov. 14, 2011.

Richard and Linda Champlin to Stacey A. Silvia of Berkly, Mass, land and building at 83 Rocky Road. \$200,000, Nov. 17 2011.

Wesley and Carolyn Mills to Richard S. Kenny Living Trust and Jamie B. Hyton Living Trust of Scarborough, unspecified (map 7, lot 70-1). \$272,500, Dec. 6, 2011.

Leon and Lloyd Poland to Geary and Linda Chase of Exeter, N.H., land (Perkins Valley Road, lot 2). \$20,000, Dec. 16, 2011.

Daniel Quigley to Julie Verost and Scott Hershowitz, land (4.15 acres at 147 Gore Road). \$27,000, Dec. 23, 2011.

Eric Stoddard to Robyn Hamilton of Woodstock, unspecified at 42 Perkins Valley Road. \$57,000, Dec. 27, 2011.

ABOUT THE LISTINGS

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

CORRECTION:

The Nov. 14 sale reported in the March 8 Citizen from Brad Kowalski and Jon Weber to Carrie Nicholson was for land and building. "Building" was omitted in the report due to an incorrect entry on the tax declaration sent to the Woodstock town office.

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Beangroup wishes to congratulate Kathy Ford for earning her Associate Broker status by completing the experience and education requirements of the State of Maine. Kathy joined Beangroup in February 2012, after having been a sales agent with Dream Realty in Newry. Beangroup is a New England based real estate firm with office locations in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. The firm was recently named to the Inc. 500/5000 list, a ranking of the nations most entrepreneurial and fastest growing companies in America. Beangroup also was named to Real Trends 500 for the fourth year in a row based on closed transactions and sales volumes. Kathy will continue to work and reside in

2012 outdoor living trends can easily update your patio or deck

(ARA) - More homeowners want their outdoor space to truly be an extension of their house and are taking steps to create an inviting area to relax, play and host guests. If you want to update your deck or patio for warm weather entertaining, you don't have to spend a lot of time or money. You can easily refresh the items you already have and add new stylish elements by keeping some top trends and design ideas in mind.

Consider these tips from the design experts at Lowe's to help transform your space into a welcoming outdoor oasis. With just a few easy outdoor home improvement changes, you'll have the best patio on the block.

Mix functional furniture

The line between indoor and outdoor design is blurring. You can coordinate the style of adjacent indoor and outdoor rooms, since you and your guests will likely spend time in both. No matter if you have a large outdoor deck or a simple small patio, many affordable, stylish outdoor furniture options are available from allen + roth. Set up furniture with flow in mind, grouping pieces together to encourage comfort, conversation and a view of nature.

Add colorful accessories

Incorporating rugs, outdoor pillows, candles and other accessories in vivid colors or fun patterns can really make your outdoor space come alive. Pick three to four colors for your scheme and stick with those colors throughout your design choices. Some of the season's top hues include rich reds, vivid blues, soothing neutrals and garden-inspired greens. Metal accents are popular as well, so look for decor with gold or silver detailing for a design that's modern with a tropical flare.

Incorporate a fire pit

An outdoor bonfire likely evokes pleasant memories of the past, so incorporate a fire pit into your patio space so your whole family can enjoy time together roasting marshmallows, telling stories and gazing at the stars. Today's modern fire pits are both stylish and useful, adding a cozy ambience while warding off the chill on cooler nights. Plus when the seasons do change and fall brings with it lower temperatures, you can still enjoy the beautiful outdoor space you've created because you'll be comfortably warm. Remember to look for options that have a removable screen, so you can open when needed for cooking and then close to keep the fire safely contained.



Create privacy

Just because you're outdoors doesn't mean that you don't want a bit of privacy from neighbors or passersby. The good news is it's easy to create boundaries to your space by using a pergola or outdoor curtains. These options tie in nicely with other outdoor design trends and can give just the right amount of privacy, creating your own outdoor "room" in which to enjoy the long, sunny days.

Light the night

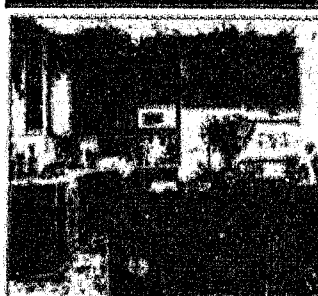
Lighting can really make your outdoor space come alive once the sun goes down. Add depth and intrigue by "lightscaping" from different sources. Consider putting up string lights that provide a magical setting that is sure to dazzle guests long after darkness falls. Add an intimate wall lantern next to the patio door or eco-friendly LED garden and path lights to add a soft illumination to outdoor space.

Grow an herb garden

There's nothing that adds the flavors of summer to food like fresh herbs. One of today's top trends is to have a container garden so you always have your favorite herbs on hand to freshly pick. Popular herbs that are easy to grow include basil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel and mint. When planting, use containers that complement your outdoor design. Vintage styles that feature aged patinas are very popular this year.

To organize your ideas and keep track of outdoor projects, create a MyLowe's profile at www.lowes.com/MyLowe's. Develop and store your wish list in MyLowe's to help transform your drab deck into a stylish patio that just begs for you to kick up your feet, enjoy a cold drink and converse with family and friends.

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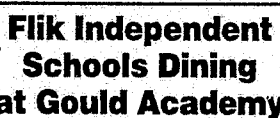
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Obituaries

YVONNE WHITMORE

Yvonne DeShon Whitmore, 76, of South Paris passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at Stephens Memorial hospital on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Yvonne was born in Bryant Pond July 25, 1935. She attended school in Bryant Pond and at the age of 16 began working at the Norway shoe shop. She met Willis Whitmore at the Norway Inn in 1952. She would later marry her beloved Willis in a double ceremony that included her brother, Eugene, and his wife, Gerry, on New Year's Eve, 1952. Yvonne would go on to become the devoted mother of five sons and one daughter; however, everyone who knew her would say she was a mom to anyone who walked through her kitchen door.

She was a hard worker her whole life, first spending 16 years at Norway shoe shop, and later running "On the Hill Ceramics" with her husband Willis. She enjoyed crafting of every kind, but the thing that she loved the most was spending time with her family. Yvonne was not just the matriarch of the household, she was a beautiful and gentle soul who will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Willis Whitmore; and brother, Eugene DeShon and his wife Gerry; her five sons, Duffy Whitmore and wife Rhonda, Dennis Whitmore and wife Diane, Dana Whitmore and wife Lorie, Danny Whitmore and wife Barbara, Melvin Whitmore and wife Abby; and her daughter Cynthia Scott and husband Jody. She left behind 10 grandchildren; Desiree Desureault, Dennis Whitmore, Jr., Aimee and Aly McKeen, Bruce Whitmore, DJ Whitmore, Maggie Whitmore, Kelly Whitmore; and her two great-grandchildren Gra-

cie and Jacquae Herring. Yvonne is predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Rita DeShon; her sister, Marilyn Osbourn; and brother, Charles DeShon. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, April 3, at the First Congregational Church, East Main Street, South Paris.

PATRICIA M. MORTON

Patricia M. Morton, 82, died Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Rumford Community Home.

She was born in Mexico, Jan. 8, 1930, the daughter of Herman and Annie (Dawson) Seeley. She attended Mexico schools and graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford. She was a very proud homemaker and was also employed as a custodian at Andover Wood Products for many years. She was also employed for a short time for at Ames Dept. Store in Rumford. She was a very active member of the Rumford Center Grange for many years.

She was married in Rumford, Aug. 9, 1958, to George H. Morton Sr., who died in Rumford on July 16, 1994.

Survivors include three sons, George H. Morton Jr. of Mexico, Daniel "Tim" Morton and wife Liz of Rumford and Herman Morton and companion Nikki Johnson of Destin, Fla.; a daughter, Annie Kelley and husband Michael of Mountain View, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Stephanie and Benjamin Morton of Burbank, Wash., Angela Morton of Pennsylvania, Steven Morton of Rumford, Patrick and Amanda Morton of Destin, Fla., and Aaron Kelley of Mountain View, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Alisha, Jerry Jr., Alyssa, Preston and Parker. She was predeceased by a grandson, Brandon Martin; two brothers, Gerald "Harpo" Seeley and James "Harpo" Seeley.

The family would like to thank the staff at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice and the staff at the Rumford Community Home for their care and kindness.

EDITH A. MILLIGAN

Edith A. Milligan, 84, of Rumford, died Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Fort Myers, Fla.

Born in Southern Pines, N.C., on Oct. 28, 1927, she was a daughter of William and Edna (Simpson) Avery. She was a graduate of Stephens High School.

She was an avid Beano player and Red Sox fan. She enjoyed spending time with her family, rug braiding, and wintering in Fort Myers, Fla. She was also a foster mom along with taking care of her eight children.

She was married in Rumford on May 17, 1948, to Earl Milligan.

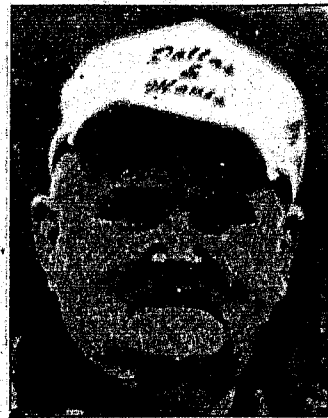
Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Earl; five sons, Gary and his wife Terry of Texas, Steve and his wife Janet of Arkansas, Allie and his wife Marie of Alabama, Phil of Andover, and Dan and his wife Sylvine of Virginia; three daughters, Gail Weston and her husband Norm of Rumford, Linda Emmons and her husband Will of Saco, and Adrienne Platt and her husband Mike of Missouri; four sisters, Natalie Reed of Mexico, Mary Smith of Lebanon, Darlene Jamison of Mexico, and Edna Heath of Conway, N.H.; 23 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; and a grandson, Neil Weston.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 11, at Meader & Son Funeral Home, Rumford, with the Rev. Jane C. Rich officiating. Interment will be at

Abbotts Mills Cemetery, Rumford.



ALBERT C. SMITH

Albert C. Smith passed away quietly on April 6, 2012 at the Maine Veterans Home in South Paris where he had resided for the past four years. While at the Veterans Home he received extraordinary care from a very loving staff.

Albert was born June 22, 1928 in Mason Township. He was the eldest son of Edmond Coe and Clare Mason Smith. He attended local schools, graduating from Gould Academy in 1946 and served proudly in the U.S. Marines from 1946 to 1948. Albert married Lucia Smith in 1949 and they made their home in West Bethel for much of their lives. He was a farmer, a self-employed logger and a 50-year veteran of long-haul trucking. During that time he hauled many types of loads including hazardous and military for the government. He traveled to all but two states and received numerous awards for safe driving throughout that time.

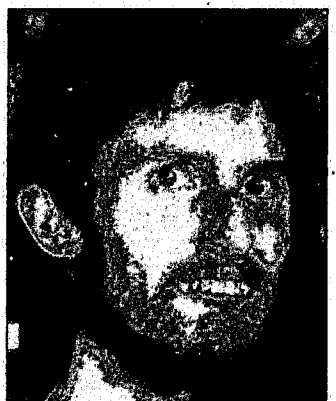
Albert was a diehard Yankee fan and enjoyed razzing his sister Jane, grandson, Gavin as well as many other residents at the Veterans Home. He was an avid hunter most of his life and was able to enjoy his last hunting trip in November 2011 while entertaining those who joined him with his many fascinating stories.

Albert is survived by his brother, Dr. Charles

Smith and his wife Maryanne of York Beach; his sister, Jane Mills of Bryant Pond; daughter, Sandra Wheeler of West Bethel; son, Charles and wife Beth of Joplin, Mo.; daughter, Alice and husband Ronald Deegan of Bryant Pond; daughter, Brenda (Bubba) Blaisdell and companion Tony Bennett of West Bethel; and daughter, Alberta Broomhall and companion Mike Lannon of Bethel. He has seven grandchildren, Thaddeus Wheeler and wife Amy of Scarborough, Angela Wheeler of Missouri, Macy Blaisdell and Jordan Bennett of West Bethel, Michelle Deegan and fiancé Jeremy Benson of Auburn, Gavin Broomhall and companion Lauren Harrell of Wyoming and Alexus Broomhall of Bethel. He also leaves six great-grandchildren, Xavier Mitchell of Missouri, Brooke and MacKenzie Bennett of Andover, Landyn Blaisdell of West Bethel, Turner Wheeler of Scarborough and Hailey Benson of Auburn. Albert is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his loving wife of nearly 60 years.

Friends and family are invited to an open house celebration of Albert's life on April 22, 2012 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Sandra Wheeler, 137 Flat Road, West Bethel.



JOEL LINCOLN

Mr. Joel Lincoln, 25, died Monday April 9, 2012 at his residence in Andover after a lifelong battle with Muscular Dystrophy.

Born in Worcester, Mass., on Aug. 28, 1986, he was a son of David and Robin (McFall) Lincoln. He was a graduate of Telstar High School Class of 2005.

Survivors include his parents; David and Robin Lincoln of Andover; two sisters, Heather Lincoln of Andover and Janelle Thuotte of Maine; a brother, Evan Lincoln and his fiancé Amber of Lewiston; Paternal Grandfather, Robert Lincoln and wife Betty of Manchester, Conn.; Paternal Grandmother, Marilyn Cartwright and husband Ed die of Pawtucket, R.I.; Maternal Grandmother, Gail Colmer of North Ft. Myers, Fla.; a niece, Makenzy Lincoln of Lewiston.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 15, at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford. Interment will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, Maine. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home after 12 Noon on Sunday.

Church Services

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sunday school for adults and children, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. AM Worship, 10:30 a.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

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Parable of Immortality
(Henry Van Dyke)

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean.

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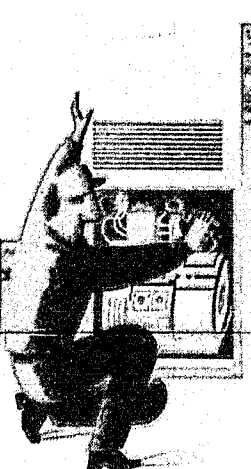
Then, someone at my side says: "There! She's gone!" Gone where? Gone from my sight that I shall never see her again.

She is just as large in past and still and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 - a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 16, 2012, at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License Renewal for S.S. Milton located at 43 Main St. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org

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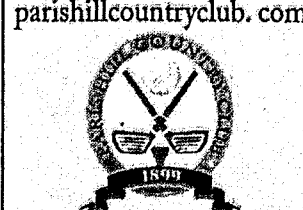
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